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BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2000 ELUL 1, 5760

Our Rabbi Yosef Levanon had been talking about various incidents in the history of the congregation and the various groups associated with it. He felt that we should have a history of the congregation and he also suggested several times that I should undertake the job of researching and writing it.

In the spring of the year 2000 or the Jewish calendar year of 5760, Roz Waitman and Terry Union Zukowski began getting pictures of all of the past presidents of Beth Israel Congregation to be mounted in a panel in the schoolroom hallway of the building. They found records of all of the presidents after 1935 but nothing for the early years of the congregation. They got pictures of those people and installed their panel. There were no records, no names and of course no pictures of the presidents from May 1917 when the Beth Israel Congregation corporation was chartered to 1935.

Among the comments to me was how young the now older past presidents looked in the first two pictures hung. Several people mentioned to me that we should have a history of the congregation (I would not be surprised to learn that the Rabbi initiated those remarks.)

On August the twenty eighth, Roz Waitman called to get up a Yahrzeit (remembrance) minion (religious service) for Gerald Waitman. She mentioned that she had collected all the old records of minutes and put them in a box. For some reason I told her that if she would bring the box of old papers to the minion Monday night, I would use the minutes as a starting point of our history. I was hooked!

September 2, 2000

I told the rabbi that I had committed to try to write the book. My idea was to develop it chronologically and tell about the families who were the founders. Then to narrate a little about the members as they arrived in the area if I could get that information or remember it.

PROCEDURE:

I notified the current members and asked for any records about the congregation or their families in their possession and, if they would, to prepare some memoirs about themselves and their families to go in the history. My first step was to visit the original Jewish cemetery and make a list from the headstones to give me some idea of people and dates. Then I went to the main Cumberland County library and started

my research using the microfilm records of the back issues of the Fayetteville Observer, the old city directories, old telephone directories, and early census records. I went to the Register of Deeds office of the county to collect any and all of the records of deeds, legal papers, minutes, and financial records of the congregation, and the organizations associated with it; the Chevra Kadisha (burial aid society), sisterhood, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, and the BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization).

I circulated a request in the September bulletin of 2000 of the congregation so that all members would be aware of the project. Here is part of that announcement;

“TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION;

“I am preparing A HISTORY TO INCLUDE THE FOUNDING OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION AND AN ACCOUNT OF THE PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH IT. The history will begin in 1822 unless someone comes up with something about Jews in this area earlier than that.

“I would like input from each family who has been or is a member of the congregation. Would you be so kind as to write up the dates of your arrival or the arrival of any of your family and any stories or associations or anecdotes about you or them that you think would be appropriate to be included in such a narrative? Such as, why you or they moved to Fayetteville or Dunn or Clinton or Lumberton or Sanford or Raeford or St.Pauls and what was or is your occupation. I would like to know where they came from and where the members of the family moved to from here. Please include information on your parents, yourself your spouse, your children, and the dates of arrival and departure of any or all. I will edit whatever I receive and put everything in chronological order as best I can.

“If you have any records of the congregation either minutes, financial or social, or of the Chevra Kadisha, the Sisterhood, Hadassah, or the BBYO or any other group that has been connected with the congregation, please let me know.

“If you are unable or unwilling to write your family information, you are invited to visit with me and I will make notes as we talk. Call and we will set up an appointment.

Thank you so very much for your cooperation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many people have contributed time and information to get this book written. Roz Waitman immediately gathered all the records that Gerald had accumulated and Ron Green and Jerry Parsek brought over to my house a five drawer file of records from her house and two cardboard boxes full of papers from the Synagogue. Stephen Satsky contributed all kinds of information about both the extended Fleishman family and the Satsky family and a copy of Harry Stein's book about the history of his family. Jerry Stein Gimesh offered information about her folks including a book of poems that her father, Harry, wrote. Many people stopped to tell me of incidents that should be included.

I have tried to get in touch with every member of the congregation and have asked for input from every family. If someone from your family did not get in touch then I have omitted information. This is an ongoing story. As interesting incidents occur we call on all congregants to help maintain a diary of the happenings and turn them in to the congregation historian so this narrative can be maintained. If I have omitted any information that you think should have been included, please write it up and we will include it in a revised edition.

Joel Schur had copies of the early minutes which he thought were written in Yiddish by Jacob Berman who was the father of both Mrs. J. and Mrs. K. Stein. No one here could translate the hand-written Yiddish so we searched to find a translator. We found one in Durham and she said she would be willing to try after the first of the year, six weeks away. In my impatience I took the booklet to the Rabbi and he said most of it was in a most learned hand-printed Hebrew and he could translate it. Joel also had one year of minutes that had been maintained by George Stuhl when he was secretary. We hoped to find out about the presidents before 1935. We did not.

W. C.' Bill' Fields, a local genealogist and an excellent portrait painting artist, was familiar with the names of several of the early merchants here. Actually he said his mother was a friend of George Brandt's wife, Mary. George Brandt became a prominent member of the community and a street, Brandts Lane, was named after him. The only house on that street in the year 2000 is used as "The Gilbert Theater". The basement (which holds about 35 people) and the back yard are used to give live theatrical productions.

Roy Parker, the designated historian, at The Fayetteville Observer was quite familiar with the names of the people and the stories of the eighteen hundreds. I asked him to help me find out why the advertisements in the paper seemed to stop after the year 1895 since I could find nothing more about those early Jewish inhabitants. The best that we could come up with was that they intermarried and lost their identity as Jews. It was very difficult to be a part of the community in those early years and still practice Judaism. There was no synagogue, no religious school for any children, and not enough people to make a minyon, a religious service that required ten men. And a scarcity, no not a scarcity, but no Jewish women in this area.

Dr. Malcolm Fleishman has been of great help in running down several relationships and in helping to list all of the rabbis who have worked here.

Harry Rulnick, Jerome Solomon and Harriet Sugar Miller of Montreal, Canada supplied information about their families. Drew Miller sent me his write up of "the history of his family and their lives in Europe" along with pictures and genealogy. This information has been most useful.

As with all of my endeavors, my wife, Mildred, has been my partner and my collaborator. She proof read and found many errors in my grammar and my spelling. At this time we have been married sixty-four years and I cherish every moment of our time together. She is a part of this narrative about the good life in this community.

Jews in the News; Throughout the ages, and continuing today, the diversity of people has caused conflict. Many groups dislike any group that has different customs or a different belief in God. In history people attack for any reason that they can come up with to overpower the minority group so that they can control the governing of their society. Members of the Jewish faith have been a minority group in most societies. Yet, many have participated in public affairs and have become leaders in their community. Many of the Jewish leaders may have given up a great deal of their heritage in order to fit in.

The rebirth of Israel may be allowing Jews to be different yet comfortable in their own environment. The beginning of integration of the blacks in the nineteen sixties also opened more doors for diverse life styles in the United States.

The desire to fit in and the stigma of being different have many times caused the loss of Jewish identity. Yet, many have continued in the faith

and still were outstanding in the community even if their degree of Jewish ness has changed from orthodox to conservative or reform Judaism.

Rabbi Yosef Levanon translated from Hebrew the first local writing about the event of the start up of the congregation in 1922.

I called many people and asked for their family experiences and their community activities. I reserved the right to edit their writings and I have ITALICIZED their contributions as I added their writings to this history. Much of the material in this text has been copied from other sources. I have designated (I hope all) by putting quote marks around copied material.

To every one who assisted in preparing this work, Thank YOU, Thank YOU. May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace. I enjoyed the work and the education I received.

October 3, 2002

I only printed fifty copies of the first edition. Some twenty five more wanted to purchase a copy, so I notified the members of the congregation that a second edition was in the works and I received some fifteen suggested revisions. They are included in this second edition.

A History of Beth Israel Congregation and the Jewish Community in Cumberland County North Carolina

Please keep in mind as you read this history of the Jews and the Beth Israel Congregation here in Fayetteville that I was born here in 1915 and many things in this document will be from my memory or by my subjective impressions of the people. By and large the group that was organized in 1913 tried it's best to practice orthodoxy, but the climate of the times, the income of the people and the difficulty of a small group to import many foods the religion demanded, caused some back sliding. There were also a few who persisted in following the historical religious practices. As an example I remember that when we children went to the movies on Saturday afternoons, arrangements were made so that we would not have to carry money to pay for our admission. We would usually pay on the following Monday. This was possible because the population was such that most people in Fayetteville were acquainted, and this was so until about 1930.

There were very few documents found for the years before 1935 so I had to research old telephone books, city directories, and microfilm of old Fayetteville Observer issues. I have copied interesting information from articles and advertisements and have so noted with quotation marks.

North Carolina:

"The extreme length of the state of North Carolina from east to west is five hundred and three and a half (503.5) miles. The average breadth is one hundred (100) miles. Its extreme breadth is one hundred and eighty-seven and a half (187.5) miles. Its area embraces fifty-two thousand two hundred and eighty-six (52,286) square miles of which forty-eight thousand six hundred and sixty-six (48,666) is land and three thousand six hundred and twenty (3620) square miles is water."

Cumberland County was formed in 1754 from Bladen County and was named after the Duke of Cumberland. It is 661 square miles. There are eleven townships in the county and eight cities.

"Fayetteville, N.C. was settled by Highland Scots in 1739. It is located at the head of navigation on the Cape Fear River, 115 miles from the sea." It was originally named Campbellton. The name was changed to Fayetteville to honor the Marquis De Lafayette for his assistance in this area during the revolutionary war.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
1800 -1896

The earliest records that I could find of Jewish residents were Jacob Levy and Phillip and Rebecca Benjamin along with their six year old son, Judah P. Benjamin. Jacob Levy moved to Fayetteville after he had suffered terrible losses during the great fire in Wilmington in 1819. Phillip Benjamin moved here from Wilmington so that he could work in the mercantile store owned by his brother-in-law, Jacob Levy. The family lived upstairs over their store on Hay street. Judah went to the Fayetteville Academy which was a private school just on the outskirts of town on what is now known as the Raeford road. Phillip Benjamin was a member of the Sephardic group who established the reform Jewish temple in Wilmington N.C. He was a strong advocate pressing for all services be in English, not Hebrew or German. The Benjamin family moved from Fayetteville to Charleston, S.C. in 1822.

From the book "The Story Of Fayetteville" by John A. Oates I gathered that Judah P. Benjamin later became a lawyer and a United States senator from Louisiana

1852-1861). " On February 21, 1861 the famous lawyer, Judah P. Benjamin, addressed a large crowd in New Orleans which resulted in Louisiana joining the Southern Confederacy. Shortly thereafter he was appointed secretary of war (1861-1862) and secretary of state 1862-1865 of the Southern Confederacy, in the cabinet of Jefferson Davis. After the war he moved to England and became an outstanding lawyer. He died on May 6, 1884 and was buried in France. The Daughters of the Confederacy placed a marker on his grave."

There is an Historical marker on Green street here in Fayetteville honoring him. The total story of his life may be learned by reading the book, "JUDAH P. BENJAMIN", written by my nephew Eli Evans.

I made a list from the monuments in the Hebrew section of the old Cross Creek Cemetery. Here is the list of the burials in the eighteen hundreds.

BORN	DIED	FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME	
1871	1871	JACKSON	JANE	child
1874	1874	TRICE	ALBERT	child
Dec. 10, 1872	May 3, 1876	COHEN	GABRIEL	child

BORN	DIED	FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME	Nov. 18	
Jan. 19, 1876	Oct. 20, 1879	FISHBLATE	THARAIM	child	
Nov. 18, 1876	Apr. 26, 1879	ROSANTHAL	PAULINE	child	
FEB. 4, 1822	May 14, 1880	OTTERBOURG	LAURA		
April 4, 1880	Oct. 26, 1883	COHEN	JULIA	child	
July 1879	June 30, 1886	BRANDT	SIMON		
	1887	1887	NOVITSKY	WILLIE	child
	1808	Nov. 1888	ELSON	MOSES	child
May 1846	Mar. 26, 1889	SCHLOSBERG	MAX		
Jan. 13, 1827	Nov. 17, 1890	BRANDT	ELIZA		

Only one headstone has a poem. That of MAX SCHLOSBERG who died in 1889.

“ THE LIGHT FROM OUR HOUSEHOLD IS GONE
THE VOICE WE LOVED IS STILLED
THE PLACE IS VACANT IN OUR HEARTS
THAT NEVER CAN BE FILLED”

The Schlosberg family have established a foundation in Chicago and through the years have occasionally sent contributions toward the upkeep of the Beth Israel Cemetery although no relatives live here. The earliest burial was sometime during the year of 1871, a child named Jane Jackson. I have found no written records of a Jewish Jackson family in the 1800's but to use my memory to recall what I can of the stories of that era. An Alex Jackson worked as a clerk in the B. Fleishman & Bros. Store from about 1915 and died in 1928. His wife was named Celia and their children were Jerome, Albert, and William I remember as a child playing with Albert. They moved away in the early nineteen thirties.

1866

In the search for beginnings, the Library has a “Fayetteville and Wilmington” telephone directory for 1866. No numbers are assigned just the name listings and the street or some other method of identification. One would have to ask an operator to connect you to a person or business by name.

I have listed below, just as they are listed on what looks like regular writing paper of that time, the names of people related to the names in the cemetery. The paper had yellow discoloration around the edges.

FAYETTEVILLE & WILMINGTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
1866*1867

S. BRANDT & CO. DRY GOODS HAY ST. COMMISSION
MERCHANT

S. BRANDT res. Haymount

GEO. BRANDT COTTON FACTORY res. Haymount

HENRY BRANDT DRY GOODS 14 HAY ST. res. Haymount

N. H. COHEN DRY GOODS PERSON ST. res. corner MAXWELL &
FRANKLIN

OTTERBURG, JOSEPH DRY GOODS HAY ST. res. over store

OTTERBURG, MRS. JOSEPH VARIETY STORE HAY ST.

Manufacturer of Mattresses res. over store

S. H. FISHBATE & Bro. DRY GOODS AND CROCKERY

It is my surmise that the Brandts all lived on the street now called
Brandts Lane just off Hillside avenue. Later I found Mrs. Mary Brandt
with a residence on Hillside Ave.

In 1883 The Fayetteville Observer which was founded in 1817 carried
the following one column ad; "Steam boat schedule from Fayetteville
to Wilmington the D. MURCHISON with Captain J. C. Smith;
leave Fayetteville 7:00 am every Tuesday and Friday leave Wilmington
2:00 PM every Wednesday and Saturday"

George & Simon Brandt operated a double fronted dry goods and
clothing store located at numbers 28,30,32 on the south side of Hay
street and advertised in The Fayetteville Observer on March 5, 1883
"prints at five cents per yard and up and Zeigler Bros. Shoes". In June
1886 they Advertisd "Gents Unlaundered shirts and Drawers and
Lades Corsets"

Simon Brandt opened his own store in June 1886 and then sold to K.
Lewald so that S. Brandt could sell shoes. Another Simon Brandt, a
child, died in 1886, (see cemetery list above).

An April 26, 1883 ad states that "Henry R. Novitsky has bought out
Henry Elson and offers new shipments by steamer of men's, youths,
boys, and children's clothing."

George Rosenthal advertised (Their first ad) in The Fayetteville Observer on September 24 , 1885 “dry goods and clothing on the northwest corner of the Market Square Hay street”. There was a ROSENTHAL Building at 114 hay street listed in the 1909 Fayetteville city directory. But I found no Rosenthal listed after 1886.

M. H. Cohen Dry Goods and clothing advertised on May 5, 1885

M. Schlossberg's one ad appeared on July 29, 1885 offering Dry Goods

Straus Bros. Clothing opened September 3, 1885 opposite the post office on Hay street with their ad headlined, “NEW STORE NEW GOODS”

There was an ad on April 15, 1896 announcing that August Miller from Prussia had opened a tailor shop on Gillespie Street. In the 1900 census I found that he married Caroline and they had four children. I found no more information.

Advertisements about these Jewish owned stores run through 1896. In my search of the microfilm copies of the Fayetteville Observer all of a sudden I could find no more ads for any of these named stores. By checking the census I did find that the Brandts and Millers intermarried and I guess the others did too. The census was only taken in years ending in zero, every ten years, and no city directories are available dated before 1909, therefor I was unable to trace what happened to these families. My only guess is that some sold the businesses and moved away because of the depression during the late 1880's and the others intermarried and disappeared as Jews.

Here in Fayetteville practically all of the early merchants were either Scots or Irish and a few English, mostly Scots. The names associated with the businesses were, Huske, McNeill, Rankin, Sheetz, Thornton, etc. These people were hard bargainers. It seems they enjoyed arguing about price and value and loved to get an advantage. As stores were opened and operated by “foreigners” the competition became keener. I am aware of the system used by many retail merchants to be sure that nothing was sold at a loss. The cost was marked on everything possible. This had to be in code and only the most trusted salesperson was allowed to know the code. The codes used were mostly very simple. I guess they are still used in small businesses, Let me teach you a couple of the systems as they were taught to me.

Using a word of ten letters with no repeated letters. XBALTIMORE is one code. B is 1, A is 2, L is 3, so on for the other letters and the X is 0. So BMXX means \$ 16.00 .

Another was to use the tic tat toe

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then | was 1 , | was 2

, | was three

and again use an odd letter for 0. Some merchants used a code to show the cost of each item and some used the code to give the lowest price for which the item could be sold . There was a gaming part to this too. As each merchant tried to learn the others code for pricing, an enterprising individual started using the code for the lowest price for which the item could be sold. Then hoped that the customer had learned the code and offered that amount and the sale was closed. In that case both the purchaser and the storeowner were happy with the transaction. The owner made the sale, and the purchaser felt he had bought the item at cost and had gotten the best bargain possible.

Some of the advertisements in the paper were quite interesting. I have listed a few quotes from them;

Jas. D. McNeil advertised "Selling at cost for a Profit." (How do you do that?)

"Feathers re-dyed" by Mrs. Dye."

"Wanted at once 500 white boys and girls from 14 years old to 20 years old to learn cigarette making." W. Duke Sons & Co. Durham, N.C.

Mrs. Utley's school for "Little Children" \$5.00 per Quarter "

Sedberry's Drug store advertised "Chewing Gum & Candy and Baking Powder". Just as I have typed it here.

R.T. McAnlin advertised "F.F.F.F.F.G. Find Fine Fresh Family Fancy Goods". This was a grocery store.

During the 1880's and 1890's many people from Europe immigrated to the United States. A special island and a special service was established in 1892 called ELLIS ISLAND to process the various peoples as they were admitted to this country. Most were poor and uneducated in English although many were educated in their native languages. Most

could speak very little English when they arrived. Many stories about the trials and tribulations encountered by individuals on Ellis Island as each person decided what American family name they would register with the immigration authorities that would become their family name from then on. As an example of the diversity; there were three brothers from Covnia in Lithuania who came to this country at different times whose Hebrew family name was "Ehven" (which translated into English is stone). My grandfather told the registrar that they were 'Ehvens' and our name became "Evans". When the second brother came over he wanted to change his name so that the Russian army could not draft him so he took the name of "Levin". The third brother was with a group and he ended up with the family name "Sagalin". We never found out why he chose that name. Three brothers with three different names who are my ancestors.

People swarmed into the lower east side of New York City and each block became the haven for people of the same European ethnic customs and background. From there as quickly as they could many people scattered and settled anywhere that they could to make a living.

As the Jews learned English many started buying and selling anything or everything to make a dollar or they got jobs in the clothing sweat shops in the area. As the peddlers accumulated a little money and their children got an American education they moved into smaller communities and primarily became merchants scattering to the smaller cities throughout the country.

In 1897 Aaron Weinstein, of the group that came here from Keiden Lithuania, settled in Lumberton, N. C. and became a prosperous merchant and tobacco farmer. Esta Neil Weinstein married Leon Fleishman of Fayetteville, whose daughter Mickey married Leon Sugar of St. Pauls, N. C.

As the century ended a new building was completed on the corner of Person street and Dick street with a stage and even box seats along each side and it was called "THE OPERA HOUSE". Now Fayetteville could have stage shows and 'Theater'.

Names found in various census lists from 1875 to 1917

Census 1875-1917		
Year	FAMILY NAME	1 st NAMES
1883	BRANDT	GEORGE
1883	BRANDT	SIMON
1876	COHEN	N. H.
1876		GABRIEL
1883		JULIE
1910	EVANS	ISAAC
		Sarah
		Emanuel
		Minnie
1888	ELSON	MOSES
		FLORA
1879	FISHBLATE	ETHARAIM
1910	FLEISHMAN	HYMAN
1912	FLEISHMAN	W. EDWARD
1871	Jackson	Jane
1917	Kramer	H.
1917	LACOB	MWYER J.
1850	MILLER	CHARLES
		CAROLINE
		CLARK
		JACOB H.
		MARY
		SARAH
		SARAH WEST
1883	NOVITSKY	HENRY R.
1880	OTTERBOURG	LAURA
	Pankin	
	PARTIN	WILLIAM
		JOHN C.
1885	ROSENTHAL	GEORGE
1885	SCHLOSSBERG	MAX
1904	STEIN	JACOB
1904	STEIN	KALMAN
1885	STRAUS	
1874	TRICE	ALBERT

People buried in 1800's in old cemetery

graves.xls1					BY DATE DIED	
	BORN		DIED			
day	month	year	month	year	FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME
child		1871		1871	JACKSON	JANE
child	Dec. 10	1872	May 3	1876	Cohen	Gabriel
child		1874		1874	TRICE	ALBERT
child	Jan. 19	1876	Oct. 20	1879	FISHBLATE	ETHARAIM
child	Nov. 18	1876	Apr. 26	1879	ROSANTHAL	PAULINE
Germany	Feb. 4	1822	May 14	1880	OTTERBOURG	LAURA
child	April 4	1880	Oct 26	1883	Cohen	Julia
child	JULY	1879	June 30	1886	BRANDT	SIMON
child		1887		1887	NOVITSKY	WILLIE
		1808	NOV	1888	ELSON	MOSES
	MAY	1846	26-Mar	1889	SCHLOSBERG	MAX
	JAN. 13	1827	Nov. 17	1890	BRANDT	ELIZA

People Buried after 1900 in old cemetery

				BY DATE DIED	
BORN	DIED				
month	year	month	year	FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME
Aug. 20	1842	Sept. 30	1904	JACKSON	JULIA (wife of William)
11-May	1833	Jan. 19	1917	JACKSON	WILLIAM
	1890	OCT	1918	DAVIDOW	S. H.
JULY	1921	OCT	1921	FLEISHMAN	ADOLF (Son of Erwin Fleishman)
Sept. 15	1877	Jan. 16	1922	S(H)APIRO	HARRY
Aug. 9	1918	Dec. 2	1922	LESSEM	Beatrice
Dec. 28	1908	Nov. 1	1923	FLEISHMAN	SADIE EDITH
	?		1923	KRAMER	EZEKIAL
	1876		1925	KERBEL	IDA
	1881	JUNE	1926	ZEIGHAUSER	JOSEPH
Sept. 8	1876	27-Jun	1928	JACKSON	ALEX
?		Aug. 7	1929	NEWMAN	LILLIE
	1873		1929	JACKSON	EMMA
AUG	1932	NOV	1932	FLEISHMAN	GERALD(son of Leon & Ester)
	1860	MARCH	1933	LEVIN	L
	?	15-Apr	1933	RUTBERG	JENNIE
		05-Jun	1935	SHAPIRO	LOUIS
		Nov. 16	1935	WEINSTEIN	LOUIS B.
July 14	1898	July 29	1936	HART	MINNIE
	1850		1937	GOLDBERG	NEOMY
		Apr. 22	1938	WEINSTEIN	SOLOMAN
FEB	1903	Jan. 10	1938	DEMBO	SADIE STEIN
SEPT	1864	JUNE	1938	FINE	HERMAN
		MARCH	1939	TANNENBAUM	ISADORE
JUNE	1881	NOV	1939	SATISKY	PHILLIP
Apr. 26	1924	Feb. 26	1940	KLYNE	THEODORE
SEPT.	1895	Oct. 27	1940	ZALL	DORA
April 25	1875	15-Mar	1942	STEIN	JACOB JOSEPH
	1872		1943	WAINER	MENDEL M.
		Oct. 13	1944	LESSEM	YETTE
MAY	1925	Nov. 22	1944	DEMBO	ALBERT STEIN
Nov. 26	1902	Apr. 12	1945	FLEISHMAN	ESTER
Oct. 28	1899	Apr. 12	1945	FLEISHMAN	ERWIN J.
DEC.	1869	MAY	1945	COHEN	FLORA ELSON

People Buried after 1900 in old cemetery

BORN		DIED		continued	
month	year	month	year	FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME
Oct. 18	1884	Oct. 21	1945	ROSE	NATHAN
	1882	March 29	1945	LOVE	LOUIS
JUNE	1872	SEPT	1946	SOLOMAN	SARAH
Jan. 4	1884	Apr. 18	1947	STEIN	YETTE BERMAN
		Jan. 9	1949	WEINSTEIN	ISADORE
		Sept. 15	1955	LESSEM	J. I.
	1890	Nov. 26	1955	ZEIGHAUSER	DORA
	1817	Sept. 26	1955	GOLDBERG	MORRIS
Nov. 24	1890	Aug. 17	1961	ROSE	FREDA N.
	1889	Dec. 26	1963	DUNIE	ROSA
Aug. 13	1890	Apr. 16	1966	JACKSON	CELIA
		June	1966	Baby Neckritz	
MAY	1890	June 24	1969	LOVE	DORA
Jul 26	1885	Nov. 12	1970	SCHWARTZ	ETHEL
	1877		1971	SATISKY	FREIDA
Apr. 1	1897	May 1	1972	LACOB	LOUIS
	1879		1962	GOLDBERG	CELIA
	1904		1972	STEIN	ISADORE
	1927		1973	SIMON	GERALD
Nov. 26	1904	Jan. 19	1974	LESSEM	CHARLOTTE
	1891	NOV.	1974	ZALL	HYMAN PINCUS
Dec 2	1901	Feb. 4	1976	LACOB	LEE
22-Jun	1900	Aug.26	1982	WAINER	JUDITH
31-Jan	1891	Oct. 1	1982	SCHWARTZ	DAVID
Nov. 6	1898	May 5	1986	LACOB	HYMAN PINCUS
	1913		1996	STEIN	SYLVIA
March	1873	Feb.	1966	RABINOWITZ	IDA REBECCA

1900-1908

The Brooks & Gimesh Family from a letter by Jerry Stein Gimesh

Abraham and Mary Brooks operated a mercantile store, called A. BROOKS DEPARTMENT STORE, in Warsaw, N. C. from 1900 to about 1955. He immigrated here from Lithuania and she was from Mississippi. Their daughter Frances married Harry Stein and she lived her married life in Fayetteville. Jerry Stein Gimesh writes that one of her mother's biggest pleasures was to care for the Beth Israel grounds during the 1950's and 60's. The Brooks other daughter married Dr. Marshall Solomon who was a dentist in Greensboro, NC.

Jerry goes on to say that her husband Dr. John Gimesh came to this country from Budapest, Hungary in 1956 after surviving the Holocaust. He came to FT. Bragg in 1973 as a colonel in the medics in the army. He began private practice as a pediatrician here in 1981 and retired in 1999. They have an extensive Judaic collection collected from their travels.

Baltimore, Maryland became a Mecca for many Jews. Jacob Epstein opened The Baltimore Bargain House and fostered the availability of almost any kind of merchandise. " He assisted Jews as they came to this country by taking them in and training them to become peddlers. He set them up in their businesses by extending credit so that a start up inventory could be bought. Any items needed as they traveled from door to door in the country could be shipped to them by railroad to the nearest town. The recipients of this trust, by and large, paid their accounts as soon as possible and guarded their credit rating so that the lifeline of merchandise would remain open. The Baltimore Bargain House became a very large distribution organization because of this initial trust offered to the immigrants. Many new businesses were started in Baltimore to manufacture merchandise that was needed up and down the eastern seaboard of the country. Many of the peddlers saved their pennies and dollars and opened stores in towns across the country and became part of their adopted communities."

Several Jewish families opened stores and settled in Fayetteville between 1900 and 1916. Fayetteville was the largest town in a sixty-mile radius, a station on the main north south line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad with direct connections to Baltimore. The Cape Fear River offered regular access by steamer to Wilmington, NC and the Atlantic Ocean by water. The area supported diversified agricultural crops. It was a good commercial town. As soon as there were ten Jewish males in the area

they started holding religious services together and in 1917 chartered The Beth Israel Congregation, Inc.

I continued my research at the library reading the microfilm of the old Fayetteville Observers. The advertisements continued to be one or two columns wide and many were such a reflection of the times that I want to include a few more.

February 1900

The Opera House advertised the stage show "QUO VADIS" with general admission fifty cents and reserved seats at one dollar.

The New Book Store had "valentines from one cent up."

The best butter was offered for thirty cents a pound at J. A. King grocery on Gillespie Street.

March 1900.

"GOOD TABLE LINEN MEANS HOME HARMONY" AT M. F. Crawford & Co.

New "The CITY HACK". "CALL THE DRAYMAN AT TELEPHONE # 193."

May 6 1900 "THE GAS RANGE HAS COME TO STAY" SEE THEM AT THE FAYETTEVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

The solution: "THE KEELEY CURE for drunkenness and drug use." THE KEELEY INSTITUTE in Greensboro, N. C.

In the Monday evening edition on May 14, 1900, Graham's Book and Music store advertised; "Hammocks from fifty cents up, Baseball and sporting goods, Croquet sets, Kimball Organs, Home Sewing Machines, and one Tandem Bicycle."

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF MAY and "TIME TO CHANGE YOUR UNDERWEAR" a New shipment at FRANK THORNTON'S DRY GOODS STORE.

In the June 21, 1900 Fayetteville Observer there was an ad announcing the opening of a "JUNK SHOP" BY L. LEVIN at the foot of Haymount Hill to buy SCRAP IRON, COPPER, BONES, HIDES AND FURS. He later sold to J. I. Lessern who even later sold to Cohen and Green. To my knowledge he is the first Jew who has continuity in this

narrative. Lewis Levin or Louis Levin, his first name is spelled differently in different city directories, was somewhat of a loner. He was a member of the congregation and died in March of 1933. He is buried in the old Hebrew cemetery in the city owned Cross Creek Cemetery.

THE ATLANTIC VIEW HOTEL AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N. C. ADVERTISED "A FIRST CLASS HOTEL . \$2.00 PER DAY, \$10.00 PER WEEK, OR \$30.00 PER MONTH. CHILDREN UNDER 13 AND NURSES HALF PRICE."

The headline for June 23, 1900 was , "CHINA DECLARES WAR ON THE WORLD" Waging war on foreigners. The war was mainly with Russia.

April 16, 1901 The National Bank of Fayetteville announces that there is capital paid in of fifty thousand dollars.

On Thursday January 23, 1902 L. Levin was still advertising that he would buy "IRON, BRASS AND COPPER."

About the Baer Family from talking to Ervin Baer and Dr. Malcolm Fleishman.

Louis Baer opened a store in Dunn circa 1900 and his relatives and progeny are still active in the development of Beth Israel Congregation

Morris Alk immigrated here from Latvia and had seven children. The four Alk sisters, Fannie, Gertrude, Hannah, and Sadie, seem to have fostered the four related families to settle in Fayetteville and Dunn. J. Kronsberg and Fannie opened a clothing store here in Fayetteville about 1917. Eli Baer married Gertrude and lived in Alabama. Louis and Sadie Baer opened a clothing store in Dunn around 1918. S.M. Fleishman married Hannah. He worked with Edwin Fleishman in the Fleishman's Big Store in Fayetteville (see the Fleishman family notes) and later opened a Ladies clothing store called "The Style Shop."

Louis and Sadie Baer had three daughters. Pearl married Willie Moff. He took over the scrap metal business in Dunn. She worked in the family clothing business and later moved to Fayetteville. Anna Lee married Dave Kimmel and now their son Ronald and wife Elizabeth operate the Louis Baer Department store in Dunn. Rose married Maurice Weinstein who became a prominent lawyer in Charlotte.

Eli Baer lived in Alabama from 1904 and operated several successful business operations there until the mid nineteen twenties. Ervin tells the story that his father Eli bought a windmill from the Baltimore Bargain House to generate electricity and they were probably the only people in Brent, Alabama who had electricity for several years.

In 1926 Eli and his wife Gertrude (who wanted to be near her three sisters) opened a clothing store on Person St. here in Fayetteville. Things did not go well so after two years they moved back to Alabama. Eli and family (all of the five children had been born in Alabama) moved back to Dunn in 1936 and went into the clothing Business with Louis. Eli also opened a clothing store in Zebulon, N. C. Within a few years the brothers decided to separate their business relationship and Eli opened a small clothing store then opened a mule and wagon business. The mule and wagon business became obsolete after W.W.II so he closed it and went into the furniture business. Two of his sons, Robert and Sam, took over the Furniture business and now Robert's son Melvin runs the E. Baer & Sons Furniture business and the other son Richard operates "Richard's Clothing Store. They both lived in Fayetteville until the mid 2001s. They moved to Raleigh, NC and still manage the stores in Dunn. Eli's youngest son, Ervin, has a law practice here in Fayetteville with his son Bruce.

Back to the Fayetteville Observer adds of 1902

The OLD NICK WILLIAMS CO. In Williams, N. C. offered "PURE AND MELLOW WHISKY " from 1 to 20 years old.

July 24, 1902 Hollingsworth & Co. Just Received 10 dozen more of those "PECO" undershirts. The skirt we sell for \$1.00 "NO FIT NO SALE". The same store advertised on December 24, 1902 "The price we ask for anything sells it!" "TOYS ! WE NEVER CARRY ANYTHING OVER.." (Meaning the toys must be sold now.)

August 6, 1903 The LITTLETON FEMALE COLLEGE advertised, "BOARD AND FULL LITERARY TUITION FOR \$52.90 PER TERM on conditions made on application."

April 7, 1904 COCA COLA BOTTLING WORKS IN WILMINGTON, NEW BERN AND FAYETTEVILLE ANNOUNCING THEIR OPENINGS, G. H. HUTAFF, FAY.

THE BAER FAMILY

Family TREE			Abraham Baer married Rebecca Lebanon, Pa.				
				CHILD	REN		
		Eli Baer married Gertrude Alk Dunn				Louis married Sadie Alk Dunn	
Children	Children	Children	Children	Children	Children		
Robert married Edith Tesler Dunn	Rose married Herman Hockfield then Robert Lessem Dunn	Sam married Miriam then Frieda Fleishman Dunn	Frances married Frank Fleishman Balti & Fla.	Ervin married Helga Blum Fay.	Anna Lee married Dave Kimble	Pearl married Wille Moff Dunn Fay.	Rosie married Weinstein Charlotte
Children			Children	Children	Children		
Melvin married Barbara Fay.				Don Wash.,DC	Ronald Married Elizabeth Dunn	David Greensboro	3 Children in Charlotte
Richard married then Shila Fay.				Bruce married Marcy Fay.		Janice Phila.	
				Lee Ann married Mark NY			

August 4, 1904 Mike Folb advertises "We are not going out of business, and we are not giving goods away - We are selling more than any other house in the city" "THE KING CLOTHIER"

Also on Thursday, August 4, 1904 a new clothing store was opened called "Stein Brothers". It was the first Jewish owned mercantile store that remained in business for a number of years. Its owners were among the founders of Beth Israel Congregation. The grand opening as advertised in The Fayetteville Observer was on Thursday August 4, 1904 and was on the northwest corner of the Market Square. The business was owned by Jacob and Kalman Stein. They advertised that this was the first store in Fayetteville to cater to men's wear exclusively.

It was interesting to meet with the descendents of people who were the founders of the congregation. Some recalled all kinds of detail and others very little. Many families have moved away and some did not respond at all to my inquiries. These statements are the hearsay remembrances of the people who responded. Please see the genealogical charts. I have incorporated a little about each family by the year in which they moved to Fayetteville.

THE STEINS: from Harry B. Stein's book called "PATHWAY TO A FUTURE"

1904

(Note I have tried not to quote but wrote in my own style)

Isaac and Yola Stein lived in Seduva Lithuania with their children Jacob, Kalman, Hannah, Etta, and Sadie. Isaac was a tailor who found life so hard that he traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa and set up a tailoring shop. Jacob joined him and apprenticed with him. Later Jacob apprenticed with a shoemaker and even later he worked for a goldsmith. Then he moved to Bulawaye in Matabeleland or Southern Rhodesia to work for and later to go into partnership in a retail mercantile shop. When Jacobs partner Morris Copeland decided to move to America Jacob bought the business and sent for his brother Kalman to come to South Africa. The problems of operating a business there was such that Jacob left his brother in charge and traveled to London and then the United States to Baltimore where he tried the clothing manufacturing business. He sent for his brother Kalman and they went south to find a location for a retail business. Jacob picked Fayetteville, N. C.

After the store was opened, Jacob and his wife Yetta Berman, their two children and Kalman moved to Fayetteville and Yetta set up a Kosher home. She ordered her kosher food from Baltimore and had it shipped to

her by railroad once a week. Kalman married Yetta's, sister Fannie, and later they brought their mother Yola and sister Sadie from Lithuania to Fayetteville. The other two sisters of the Steins and their families moved to Rhodesia and became farmers, breeders of sheep.

Jacob was naturalized and became a citizen of the USA on August 6, 1906. The J. Steins built a house on Gillespie street in downtown Fayetteville.

Kalman and Fannie moved to Sanford to live and to open a store there. Then a ladies ready-to-wear shop came up for sale in Fayetteville. The K. Steins moved back to Fayetteville and bought a house on Dick street. Sadie's (Jacob's younger sister) husband Joe Josephs set up in Sanford to manage that store. The new store was named "The People's Department Store".

The Steins bought the lot on the southeast corner of the market house and built a five story building which was as tall as the tallest in town. Four floors were for the men and boys store merchandising and the fifth floor was a social hall. When they moved they asked Sam Bridge who had married a cousin of Yetta's named Fannie Shavitz to manage the new store to be called "THE HUB" Sam later became a part owner of the store.

Hannah, J & K's sister, had married Samuel Lacob. They had four children Meyer, Louis, Hyman and Gertrude. When the parents died the Steins brought the children to Fayetteville and put the three boys to work in the stores. Gertrude married a wholesale merchant from Goldsboro.

In 1919 the other Berman sister, Etta, married Velva Lazarus who ended up in Sanford and opened a dry goods store. The Steins opened additional stores in Hamlet and in Rockingham.

Jacob and Yetta moved to Benson Hurst, N. Y. so that their daughter Sadie could attend a school for the deaf and still live at home. They joined the synagogue there, and retained their membership here. Yetta joined Hadassah and the children went to Hebrew school, but Jacob still had not moved to New York. He traveled back and forth as necessary and actually spent more time in Fayetteville. After several years they moved back to their house on Gillespie street and the K. Steins moved into a house on Belmont circle.

J. Stein's daughter, Sadie, married Benny Dembo and they had a son born May 21, 1925. He was named Albert Stein Dembo. He was killed

in world war II and the B'nai B'rith chapter in Fayetteville was named the Albert Stein Dembo Chapter.

They opened another "gents" furnishing store on the corner of Hay and Donaldson street in the mid twenties and moved Stein Bros. to that location. Several years later they sold the Stein building to Phillip Satsky who opened a pawn shop there.

During the depression in the 1930s the Dembos moved to Fayetteville. Benny learned to be a tailor and then became a part of the clothing business.

The depression years brought a division between the brothers. The remaining three stores were divided. Kalman received the ladies department store and Jacob received the Brothers store and the Hub. The properties were divided by appraisal. The two sisters, their wives, became estranged. To quote from Harry's book " The brothers loved one another and always would; but with their wives irreconcilable to one another, their business divided, and their children pulling in all directions, their intimate feelings were now inward... "

March 15, 1942 Jacob Joseph Stein died in Miami Beach, Florida.

At this writing I was not able to gather any intimate family information from the few living members of the K. Stein family. Marcia (a grand daughter) and her husband Joel Schur are both active in the community and the congregation.

THE HIGHSMITH HOSPITAL opened in November 1904.

The weekly edition of the Observer was offered for \$1.00 per annum in advance, the daily edition was offered for \$4.00 per annum in advance, \$2.00 for six months, or \$1.00 for three months, in advance.

The city Directory for the year 1909-10 lists four business people and two buildings that are associated with BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION. They are;

Sam Bridge, a salesman at Stein Bros. who lived with J. Stein on Gillespie St.

Lewis Levin Junk Shop Hay St. residence Bass St.

*ROSENTHAL Building 114 Hay St. (No owners or people listed)

Jacob Stein, Prop. Stein Bros. 104 Person Street res. 320 Gillespie St.

Kalman Stein (their spelling) Sanford, N. C.

*BRANDT'S HALL 125 ½ Hay St. (No owners or people listed)

Family TREE		ISAAC STEIN	YOLA		
		CHILDREN			Cousin
Jacob Stein & wife Yette Berman Fay.	Kalman Stein & wife Fannie Berman Fay.	Hannah Stein married Samuel Lacob to Sanford, NC	Etta Stein married Velva Lazarus to Sanford NC	Sadie Stein married Joe Joseph to Sanford, NC	Fannie Shavitz married Sam Bridge Fay
		CHILDREN			who raised
Sadie Stein married Bennie Dembo	Irvin Stein & wife moved	Meyer Lacob married Hannah	Jack Lazarus & wife Sanford, NC		Harry Shavitz Fay.
Bernard died 1 yr. Old	J. Bernard Stein married Herlyn Fay.	Louis Lacob Bachelor Fay.			Dave Shavitz Married Celia Fay
Isadore Stein married Sylvia	Raymond Stein married Phila.	Hyman Lacob & wife Lee			Sadie Shavitz away
Gladys Stein married moved	Reva Stein married Kaplan Phila.	Gertrude Lacob married Goldsboro			Shavitz Fay. Then HighPoint
Harry B. Stein married Frances Brooks					
next Generation Parents	children	children			
Harry B. Stein & wife Frances Brooks Fay.	Jerry Stein married John Gimesh Fay.	Carol Stein married moved			
J. Bernard Stein & wife Herlyn Fay.	Marcia Stein married Joel Schur Fay.	Janet Beth Stein married moved			
Sadie Stein married Bennie Dembo Fay.	Albert Stein Dembo Fay. WW11 11/22/1944				

1909--1912

The period between 1910 and 1913 brought several new families to the area. The largest family to settle in the area was the Max Fleishman family. I talked with several relatives and this is where the family tree graft method of showing relationships was put into use.

Fleishman 1909

The Fleishmans; from talking with Steven Satsky and Dr. Malcolm Fleishman.

Harry Fleishman came to this country in 1880. He did very well in the Ice and coal business in Baltimore, Md. and brought his father (Max), and his siblings to Baltimore as quickly as he could afford to.

Max Fleishman was born in SHADUVA, Lithuania in 1837. He married Fruma Malka Loon and they had seven sons and one daughter. Harry was the first to come to the USA and Benjamin became the leader of the rest of the group. They opened a woman's clothing manufacturing business in Baltimore. Then In the early nineteen hundreds they began opening stores in North and South Carolina under the name of "B, FLEISHMAN AND BROS. In 1909 they opened stores in Burlington N.C. and Fayetteville, N.C. Ben was here for a while then Hyman moved here from Burlington and Benjamin went back to Baltimore. A short time later Jacob L (JL) and Morris moved to Fayetteville David managed the store in Clinton, Nathan managed the store in Anderson, S.C., Samuel managed the store in Marian, S. C., Isadore managed the store in Mullins, S. C. and Harry stayed in the coal and ice business in Baltimore. The next generation ; Edwin and S.M. managed 'Fleishman's Big Store' for a while. Edwin became ill. Then Morris took over the big store and S. M. opened 'The Style Shop'. Later W. Edward opened Ed Fleishman and Bros. A men's clothing store with His brothers Maurice and Leon.

Ben bought some farmland just west of Fayetteville and when the Camp Bragg land was being acquired that land became a part of the military base.

The eight children of Max Fleishman begat thirty men and 12 women. His daughter Lena married Myer Samuelson and remained in Baltimore. When she died she left a large estate gift to Beth Israel Congregation for which our Center activity room is dedicated. Hyman Fleishman was elected the First President of the congregation. At many of the board meetings throughout the years the discussions became very

heated and several years later, as told to me by Dr. Malcolm Fleishman, Hyman got so excited that he had a heart attack and died.

A. M. Fleishman , the son of Jacob L. Fleishman, became one of our best “daveners” (the leader in chanting the services) with an excellent voice. His son Joel followed in his footsteps and is still our chosen “chaser” for the High Holidays. In the year 2001 Joel continues his some fifteen year pilgrimage to Fayetteville at his own expense to stand on his feet practically all day long and beautifully chant the Holyday services . We continue to fully use the Conservative Mahzer (prayer book).

The next nine pages are pictures and family tree diagrams of the extended Fleishman family.



The Max Fleishman family which was taken on the front steps of the
Synagogue on Cool Spring Street. Circa 1923.

The back row is David, Samuel, Lena, Morris

The middle row is Hyman, J. Lewis, Harry, Benjamin

Sitting in the front is Max



Hyman Fleishman who was the manager of
"B. Fleishman and Bros" and the first
president of the Shul. (synagogue).



Ida Fleishman, Hyman's wife, who became known as Mrs. H. They had nine children, eight boys and one girl who all remained in Fayetteville well into their adult life.

THE MAX FLEISHMAN FAMILY

Family Tree				MAX FLEISHMAN 1837 1939 Baltimore	FRUMA MOLKA LOON 1912 Baltimore			
Jacob L. & wife Emma Shapito Fay.	Children	Harry & wife Eva Kronsberg away	Hyman & wife Ida Kronsberg Fay.	CHILD Benjamin & wife Mary Loon Dunn	REN Morris & wives Anna, Teresa & Dorothy Fay.	Lena married Myer Samuelson Baltimore	Samuel & wife Rose Loon Marlen, S.C.	David & wife Ida Goldberg Clinton
		Children	Children	Children	Children	Children	Children	
Hattie married Abe Cohen away	Edwin & wife Minnie Loon Fay.	W. Edward & wife Dora Steinberg Fay.	Samuel & Faye Sugar Fay. & Fla.	Samuel Fleishman away	Nathan & wife Ida Vatz Fay.	Louis Samuelson Baltimore	Sadie married Lee Cohen	Ernest & wife Beatrice Sugar Clinton
Dora married Hyman Zali Fay.	Nathan & wife Sara Loon Anderson, S.C.	Samuel & Faye Sugar Fay. & Fla.	Maurice & wife Dorothy Abel Fay.	William Fleishman Dunn & Fay.	Ethel Oscar Vatz. Fay.	Herman Samuelson Baltimore	Theodore Fleishman	Ruth married Joseph Leder Clinton
Marie married Morris Karp	Louis & wife Ruth Kronsberg away	Maurice & wife Dorothy Abel Fay.	Leon & wife Esta Weinstein	Harry & wife Bessie Shavitz Dunn & Fay.	Froman Fleishman w/ mother to Baltimore	Walter Samuelson Baltimore	Alfred & wife Charlotte Levy	
A. M. wife Ruth Zeighouser	Sam M. & wife Hannah Alk	Leon & wife Esta Weinstein	Nathan Fleishman Fay.	Albert Fleishman away		Dorothy Samuelson		
Ida married Alex Waitman Fay.	Isadore & wife Libby Solomon Mullins S.C.	Nathan Fleishman Fay.	Henry & wife Dorothy Diugin Fay.	Minnie married Sheldon Fox away		Rena Samuelson away		
Florence married Joseph Blumenstein	Theodore & wife Florence Breen Anderson	Henry & wife Dorothy Diugin Fay.	Fannie married Harry Satsky Fay.			Estate Gift center Hall dedicated to Lena		
	David M. away	Fannie married Harry Satsky Fay.	Milton & wife Lorraine Diugin Wilmington					
	Mildred married Harry Miller away	Henry & wife Dorothy Diugin Fay.	Bernard & wife Evelyn Simon Anderson S.C.					
	Joseph & wife Libby Kirsh Anderson S.C.	Fannie married Harry Satsky Fay.	Frank & wife Frances Baer Florida					

Family tree of the Jacob Lewis (JL) Fleishman family (died 7/13/31)
married to Emma Shapiro (died 12/18/44)

Children,(1) grandchildren,(a) great grandchildren,(*) great, great (/)

1. Dora- married Zall (lived in Fayetteville)
 - a. Marilyn- married Julius Nelson (lived in Fayetteville)
 - * Frank Nelson married Ellen Sklar (Greensboro)
 - / Phillip // Aaron ///Dori
2. Hattie (died 1961) married Abe Cohn
 - a. Floryn-married Jack Gorov (Detroit)
 - * Clifford ** Elliot *** Francine
 - b. Malcolm-Married Louise
 - *Eric, **Debbie
3. A. M. (died 1969)- married Ruth Zeighouser (lived in Fayetteville)
 - a. Joel (lives in Chapel Hill)
 - b. Bernice (Nicey) married Lester Wolff (she lives in Fayetteville)
 - * Dara Zee (lives in Fayetteville)
 - /Adam //Rachel ///Breanna ////Lillian
 - **Stefanie (San Francisco)
4. Sadie (1910-1922)
5. Marie-married Morris Karp
 - a. Helene- married Morris Sugar (lives in Baltimore)
 - *Barbara-married ?
 - ** Larry
6. Ida (10/3/08) –married Alex Waitman (Ida lives in Fayetteville)
 - a. Gerald (died 1998)-married Rosalind Wexler (lives in Fayetteville)
 - *Robert-married Shira Prince (lives in New York)
 - /Talia //Adina ///Yehuda ////Dana ///// Kayla
 - **Debbie-married Daniel Weiss (lives in Boca Raton)
 - / Benjamin, // Joshua, /// Elana, ////Noah
 - b. Albert- married Barbara Eisdorfer Divorced, Married Batsheva Rudich (lives in New York)
 - *Jennifer, **Adam, *** Joshua (died 1987), **** Jonathan married Rebecca.
7. Florence (born 7/14/12) married Joseph Blumenstein
 - a. Francis Ann-married David Moff (live in Greensboro)
 - *Stephen married Irene, ** Jason

HARRY FLEISHMAN FAMILY

Family Tree	2				FLEISHMAN 1877 1938 Baltimore	LIA KRONBERG 1873 1963					
Edwin married Minnie Loon Fay.	Nathan married Sara Loon Anderson	Louis married Ruth Kronberg St. Louis	CHILD Sam M. married Hannah Aik Fay.	REN Isadore married Esther Solomon Mullins S.C.	Theodore married Florence Breen & Anderson	Milfred married Harry Miller Baltimore	Joseph Libby Kirsh Anderson	Frank & Frances Baer Pompano Beach, Fla.			
Sylvia married Jerry Solomon Fay.	Avin T & wife Helen Lund Anderson	Miriam Fleishman away	CHILD Ivlin wife Charlotte Cohen Fay & Md.	REN Anita Rae married Jack Phillips away	DAVITA married Abrams Greenville, S.C.	Howard Miller Baltimore	Harriet married Michael Ades away	Dr. Stephen Fleishman Fay.			
Bertram & wife Faye Shuiman away	Audty married Sherman Arkin & Kujonski Los Angeles		Herbert wife Gates Fay	Doris married William Cohen away	Jacqueline Hal Howe Athens, Ga.	Sheldon Miller Los Angeles, Ca.	Michael wife Carolyn Estkew away	David Leslie Baltimore			
Frieda married Alvin Kraft then Sam Baer Away			Malcolm wife Eleanor Weinstein Fay.								
	Sylvia married Jerry Solomon Fay.				Herbert wife Manlyn Gates Fay		Malcolm & wife Eleanor Weinstein Fay.				
next generation of	Ronnie Solomon married Diane Fay.			Marcie married Jack Justice Fay.	Minda Fleishman Fay.	Samuel & wife Sharon Fay.	Kenneth Fleishman away	Lawrence Fleishman away			
next generation of	Melonie Solomon Fay.	Elie Solomon Fay.									

Family tree of the Harry Fleishman family

THE HYMAN FLEISHMAN FAMILY

Family Tree	3			HYMAN FLEISHMAN 1872 1934 Baltimore	IDA KRONBERG Mrs. H 1876 1971					
W. Edward & wife Steinberg Fay	Samuel & wife Faye Sugar Fay & Miami	Maurice & wife Dorothy Abelovitz Fay	Leon & wife Esta Weinstein Fay	CHILD REN	REN	Henry & wife Dorothy Dlugin Fay	Fannie married Harry Satsky Fay	Milton & wife Lorraine Dlugin Wilmington	Bernard & wife Evelyn Simon Fay & S.C.	
Herman S. & wife Audrey Shipper Richmond	Charles Ned Fleishman Fla.	Lois married Murray Unger Away	Jean married Sheval Shiff Richmond	CHILD	REN	Hyman & wife ????? Fay	Howard & wife Lyn Rothstein Raleigh	Cheryl married Isaac Isaacs Away	Neil & wife Adrain Elson away	
Joel & wife Linda Eilfmon Greensboro			Mikey Leon Sugar Fay.			Stuart & wife Arlyn Brooks Myrtle Beach	Stephen & wife Virginia Lanam Fay.	Neal Fleishman away	Mark Margaret dlv Lot Farris away	
Harvey Fleishman Fay.						Rosalyn married Isaac Lazar Wilmington			Nancy married Michael Yoffe away	
James & wife Sandra Strickland Fay.									Margo married Karl Goldberg Fay.	
If this generation did not join BIC they are not listed										
Todd & wife Edna Fay.			Joe Sugar married Christina Fay	CHILD	REN					
Scott Fleishman			Mitchell Sugar & wife Karina Kaminov Fay.							
			Donna Sugar married B. Harmon away							
			Harriet Sugar married John Miller away							

The Satsky Family

Family Tree	SATISKY BLAUSTEIN SWARTZ	PHILLIP SATISKY	FREIDA SATISKY	
		CHILDREN		
	HARRY SATISKY married Fannie Fleishman	AARON SATISKY married Bertie Blaustein	DORA SATISKY MARRIED	ELSIE MARRIED MARRIED ADOLPH SOLOMON
		CHILDREN		
	STEPHEN SATISKY MARRIED VIRGINIA			
	children away			
		MAX BLAUSTEIN		
	DAN BLAUSTEIN MARRIED ROSE SCHWARTZ	LILLIAN BLAUSTEIN MARRIED ABE SCHWARTZ	BERTIE BLAUSTEIN MARRIED AARON SATISKY	LEON BLAUSTEIN MARRIED
		35		

Family tree of the Phillip Satsky Family.
 Fannie Fleishman (the only woman off spring
 of the local group) married Harry Satsky

1912-1914

Isaac Evans, my father, and my mother Sarah Newmark Evans both were born near the city of Covnia, Lithuania. Their families brought them to this country when they were both children. My mother's father was a rabbi in Plainfield, New Jersey. My father's father was shot and killed in his own back yard in Plainfield by a stray bullet by some boys who were target shooting down the block from where they lived.

Isaac was eleven years old and was the only boy in his family with five surviving sisters and his mother. He went to work driving a horse and wagon on a bakery delivery route. His oldest sister married a tailor named Sam Solomon and the entire family lived together. All who could, worked and shared the expenses of the household. My Grandmother was the cook and Mrs. Solomon the housekeeper. Later I. Evans and a friend opened a three and five cent store and did all right for a while Until a fellow by the name of Woolworth opened an F. W. Woolworth 5 & 10 cent store nearby.

When he was a few years older he got a job as a cutter in New York at one of the clothing manufacturing shops and married the Rabbi's daughter. They had two children, Emanuel Joshua and Minnie Julia. The union he belonged to was called "The Arbiter Ring" or in English "The Workingman's Circle". They held a lottery each year. At one of those meetings Isaac won \$700.00.

His sister Jennie had married Simon Breen and they were living in Rocky Mount, N.C. so he set off to go into business in the South. He did not like Rocky Mount so he got on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and rode to the next town of any size, south. He came to Fayetteville and rented a room in a boarding house planning to look around. That night there was a fire at the local mule livery stable and he joined with the firefighters to save the mules and put out the fire. The next day a man approached him and thanked him for his help at the fire. They talked and Mr. VanStory rented him the wooden building on the south-east corner of the market square at 105 Gillespie street for ten dollars a month.

As he was cleaning the building, a traveling salesman with the Washington Stove and Range Co. came in and POP was in the stove business which indicated to him that he was in the furniture business. This became "Evans Furniture Company". He ordered the small items from the Baltimore Bargain House in Baltimore (where else?). He loved to tell the story that his first sale, an alarm clock, was to a fellow boarder at his boarding house for \$1.50, fifty cents down and fifty cents a week. The boarder friend paid the fifty cents down and left town two days later.

His first sale was a loss. As he got started and inventory came in, he rented a house on Dick street and the family moved from New Jersey.

Within a year the building on Market Square was too small and on March 26, 1914 there was an ad in the Fayetteville Observer announcing the move and opening of Evans Furniture Co. to 123 Gillespie street next door to the Fire station.

In early 1915 he moved again for more room to 126 person street. I was born on June 25, 1915. Later my Father bought the building at 110 person street and moved there in 1920.

The upstairs was fixed up as a workshop and my Mother made "window shades" to order. She worked in the store as a sales lady and general helper to move and load furniture into people's wagons in the back lot of the store. My father and several other employees developed 'routes' to sell, collect, and deliver furniture and were in the store very little. This was peddling with a fixed base.

I wanted to get a degree in engineering. In 1931 when I graduated from high school there was no college money available. I got a summer job selling subscriptions to "The Pictorial Review", a ladies magazine, door to door in the country along the eastern shore of Virginia. I made enough money to go to the Engineering school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I transferred to the University of Illinois for my fifth year trying to get a double degree in electrical and mechanical engineering where I had a laboratory accident and was blind for a while. The year after I left Chapel Hill, they moved the engineering school to the campus of N C State in Raleigh. I came back home and sat around for several months while my eyes healed. Then opened a paint store. My former scoutmaster became ill, and I took on the responsibility of leading a group of boys as their new scout master.

In mid 1938 because of family trials and tribulations, I merged the paint business with the family furniture business. This out of store "peddling" was still an important part of our business even when I took over the business in 1938. I had a three quarter ton truck which I loaded with furniture and linoleum rugs. I rented a loud speaker with records to play music. We drove throughout the county to farms soliciting for business. This was during the depression years of the nineteen thirties.

One day Dorothy Dlugin Fleishman called and asked me to date her cousin from Wilmington who was visiting here. I agreed to a date after nine o'clock because I had a scout meeting that Wednesday night. I

asked for another date the following night. Thursday night I suggested to Mildred Dlugin that we should get married. She said OK. She was going home the next day so I drove down to Wilmington the next Sunday and told Mildred's father that we would like to get married. He said that we should date a year or so and see what happened. He also became aware that I was not making enough money to get married. The next Sunday was Mother's Day so I went back to Wilmington in my paint truck and took a bouquet of flowers to Mildred's mother, Eva, and a box of candy for Mildred. We went for a ride that afternoon down to Dillon, South Carolina and got married. Six weeks later a so-called "friend" caused the marriage to become known and both families were very upset. We were married again in the proper manner by a Rabbi on Fathers Day June 20, 1937. Maybe the marriage will last. As of this writing it has been sixty-four years.

We operated the paint business for a while then in mid 1938 because of family trials and tribulations I merged the paint business with the family furniture business. What happened was that my brother-in-law who was running the furniture business decided that he wanted to marry the bookkeeper and divorced my sister. The furniture business was literally bankrupt. My father told me to just close it down. I finally convinced him that we all had to eat and that I wanted to try to make the business profitable again. Twenty years later in 1958 we sold the business and I went back to N C State and finally got my degree in computer math in the year 1960. The education that I got in rebuilding the bankrupt business into a profitable organization along with my early-on computer knowledge led me to many years of consulting with businesses in distress. It has been fascinating to help them recover.

THE EVANS FAMILY

Family Tree		Isaac Evans	Sarah Meriam Newmark
CHILDREN	Emanuel Joshua married Sara Nachamson Durham Children	Minnie Julia Pritchard Brown married Meyer Brownl Fay. & Wilson Children	Monroe Ernest married Mildred F. Dlugin Fay. Children
	Robert married Gail Atlanta	Richard Pritchard married Sandra Karesh FAY Mark Marcia Dale	David Samuel married Yvone Willer Fay & Greensboro Children Shawn Justin
	Eli married Judith London New York	Arthur Pritchard married Roberta Kanzer Ft. Worth, TX	Madeleine Thea Felser married Bernard Silverstein Miami, FLA. Children
	Joshua	Evan Alice	Joshua Felser Jennifer Cullen

THE MEISELS FAMILY

Family Tree		HARRIS MEISELS MARRIED RACHEL To Fay. 1912-13	RACHEL'S BROTHER James Fabricant	
		CHILDREN		
GEORGE Fay.	ESTER	FLORENCE "Flora" married Boris Vinokur then H.L. Rulnick Fay.	RAPHRAEL "Rophie" Columbia Univ. N.Y.	CLARA Fay.
	Children	Children	Children	Children
	Larry	See the Rosenfeld-Rulnick chart		

Rosenfeld-Rulnick FAMILY

		Louis Schwartz Married Annie Rulnick Wilmington			
Family TREE		ISADORE ROSENFELD MARRIED RIVKA RULNICK Fay.			HARRY RULNICK MARRIED FLORA MEISELS
	children				
EDITH Married Jack Mendelsohn Fay.	Lillian Married Noah Ginsberg Wallace, N.C.	Wilhelmina Married Sam Mendelsohn Fay.	Leon	Harris Vinoker Rulnick married Doris Dlugin Fay.	Judith Married Howard Edelman then Joe Norman
children	children	children		children	children
Gary	Vickie	Eric		Jane Married Vaughn MacEntee Calabash, N.C.	Mark
David		Janet		Rosalyn Married Earl Howell Durham	Allen Texas
		Miki		Lisa Married Robert Pharr Charlotte	
Glenda		Harry			
Jeffery					

In the January 14, 1914 Headlines; "Tramp Steamer Strikes Bridge". The bridge was a railroad bridge for the Atlantic Coast Line rail line from Fayetteville to Wilmington. The article goes on to explain that a train from each city will be on either side of the disabled bridge and passengers will be transferred by boat to continue their trip. The repair was expected to take about ten days. To the best of my research the cost of a train ticket between the two cities at that time was seventy five cents. The distance is about ninety miles. I do know that the charge for adults was \$1.25 in 1940 and no charge for children. Mildred, my wife, and the two children made the trip many times.

In the same edition of the newspaper a sign on the door of H. W. Jewell's "crockery Shop" was quoted, "THIS DOOR IS NOT CLOSED BECAUSE WE ARE IN DEBT, IT IS CLOSED BECAUSE WE ARE NOT IN DEBT. WE PAY CASH AND SELL FOR CASH AND THEREFORE WE CAN CLOSE WHEN WE SEE FIT. ONE OF THE CLERKS IS SICK WITH PNEUMONIA, THE OTHERS ARE AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS, AND THE OWNER HAS GONE NORTH." It was signed H.W. JEWELL

This tidbit was in the Atlanta Journal in January 1914. The story is about a newcomer to the society of Atlanta. She asks a dowager, "Who is this Dean Swift they are talking about? I would like to invite him to my reception."

"Alas madam, Dean has done something that has shut him out of society."

"Dear me, What was that?"

"Well, about one hundred years ago he died."

Also in July of 1914 the front page format of the paper was changed. The old format had advertisements on either side of the front page and most all of the print was the same size. The new format had headlines for each story and I found it much easier to read and find stories of interest.

July 1, 1914 "the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria, and his wife were shot while visiting in Bosnia. WWI began with Germany attacking it's neighboring countries and then in August of that year Japan declared war on Germany.

The City Directory of 1915-16 lists alphabetically the following businesses and business people. I list below the Jewish owned businesses at that time.

Bridge, Samuel D. The Fashion Shop, 126 Hay St. w Fannie res. 111 Russell St.

The Capital (K. & J. Stein) Dry goods and Ladies Ready to wear.

Evans Furniture Co. 126 Person St. Isaac Evans, prop. w Sarah res. 342 Dick St.

Fleishman B & Bros. 101-105 person St. Benjamin res. Baltimore, Md., Edward res. 401 Person St., Harry res. 401 Person St., Hyman res. 401 Person St., Morris res. N.C. , Samuel res. Baltimore, Md., SM res. 401 Person St.

Goldstein, Jacob Leader Dept. Store clerk res. 413 Hay St.

Goldstein, Harry B. Leader Dept. Store Prop. res. 413 Hay St.

Hunsberger, Oswin F. (Emma) Tailor 230 ½ Hay St. res. 209 "B" St.

Jackson, Alexander (Celia) clerk B. Fleishman res. 363 Gillespie St.

Kramer, Harry Tobie (Elizabeth) Dry Goods 115 Hay St. res. 407 Person St.

Levin, Lewis Hides & Furniture 535 Hay St. res. 523 Franklin St.

Stein Bros. J. & K. 104 Person St.

Jacob Stein (Yetta) Stein Bros. & The Capital 114 Hay St. res. 312 Gillespie St.

Kalman Stein (Fannie) Stein Bros. & The Capital 114 Hay St. res. 114 Dick St.

Stern, Adolph L. (Daisey) The Vogue res. 120 Russell St.

I have tried to find family connections and information about the people listed above. There are several that I could not trace.

Sam Bridge married Fannie Shavitz, a cousin of the Steins. He came to Fayetteville to manage a store for them. The business was named "The Fashion Shop" located on Hay Street. Later the name was changed to "The Hub" and moved to Person St. When Fannie's brother died her children came to live with Sam & Fanny Bridge here in Fayetteville. The children's names were Harry, Samuel, Dave, and Sadie. Dave and Harry married and remained in Fayetteville. Dave opened "Dave's Young Men's shop" and Harry took over management of "The Hub". Samuel (Sammy) moved to High Point N. C. and Sadie Shavitz moved to Baltimore.

I could find no current relatives of the Goldsteins. I did find an advertisement in the November twelfth 1912 issue of the Observer;

“GOLDSTEINS AND SON’S The Pawn shop.
Money to lend out on property
The underselling store.
The small bankers for the small people

Then the city directory listed Goldstein as working in a Leaders (this might have been a misspelling of Leders) department store. The living members of the prominent Leder family that I contacted said they have no recollection of a store in Fayetteville. The Goldsteins of Wilmington have no recollection of the Fayetteville people either.

The Kramer family now living in Whiteville had no knowledge of the Harry Tobie or the M. Kramer who was one of the five signers of the corporate charter for Beth Israel Congregation in 1917. I talked to Hyman Kramer who had a brother named Harry whose widow, Vivian, still lives in Whiteville. Her husband was not the Harry mentioned above. I also could not get a lead on Adolph Stern. The others have been accounted for.

I talked with Dr. Robert Lessem about The Lessem & Rose families. Both Robert and Bennie Rose were about my age and we were friends.

J. I. Lessem moved to Fayetteville circa 1917 from Athol, Mass. with his wife Yetta and their three children. He started here with reverse peddling. He traveled around in his horse and wagon to collect discarded items and in turn sold them to L. Levin who ran the Junk yard here. *Robert recalls the story that his Father had \$10. 00 when they arrived in Fayetteville. He also recalled that when his father was going somewhere in his wagon and they came to a stream he would swim across and lead his horse pulling the wagon across behind him. Keep in mind that there were few roads or bridges in those days. Later J. .I. went into the transfer or drayage business and several years later he bought out L. Levin and established the J.I. Lessem scrap metal Yard . The eldest daughter was named Ida, but as soon as she could she changed it to Charlotte. She became a librarian. Maurice was a short fellow who was most athletic. He worked out and developed a very muscular body. He was nick named 'Monk' after 'Monk' McDonald a famous athlete of the time.*

Robert went to the Riverside Military Academy for a year and started college at Davidson. He explained that the pressure to become a Christian was so great that he transferred to UNC at Chapel Hill, N. C.

He practiced dentistry here for years. He served in the army medical corps as a Major during W.W. II. In his later years he married Rose Baer Hockfield after her first husband Herman Hockfield died.

J. I. Lessem was a Cohen (which means that his ancestors were part of the family of Aaron who were priests) and he became an important part of our community. He knew his responsibility and on the High Holy Days he gave the PRIESTLY BLESSING to the congregation in the prescribed manner. The men, women, and children were crowded in the sanctuary to witness and be blessed by that part of the service. I was thrilled when my friend, Robert Lessem, became old enough and he participated with his Father in the ceremony. Sometime during the nineteen forties, Mr. Lessem refused to continue the blessings and so did Robert. Robert told me that they both felt that they were not practicing Orthodox Jewish life and therefore should not give the blessing.

In 1921 Nathan Rose and his wife Frieda (who was a sister of Yetta Lessem) moved to Fayetteville and J.I. Lessem gave them a horse and wagon to start them out in the collection of scrap materials. Nathan Rose did not like that business so he opened a fruit stand on Person Street. They had two children, Dotty and Bennie. Bennie and I studied math together [in high school] and enjoyed a close friendship.

After getting out of service from World War II Bennie opened a fancy delicatessen restaurant here in partnership with Morris Cohen, it never become profitable. Later Bennie and his family moved to Charlotte. Morris worked as a cook in Stanley Tesler's motel dining room for a while and then he operated "Morris Cohen's Delicatessen" for many years.

The ROSENFELDS and the RULNICKS from Lillian Ginsberg and Harry Rulnick

Louis Schwartz settled in Wilmington. His wife Annie's brother, H. L. Rulnick, used Fayetteville as a center to develop his routes for his peddling business. He opened a clothing store on Person St. called "THE SPOT" as his home base. In 1921 another sister, Rebecca, came from Poland with her husband Isadore Rosenfeld and their daughter, Edith. They came by train to Rocky Mount where they were met by Louis and Annie Schwartz. Lil remembers that her mother, Rebecca, better known as 'Rivka' saw the first black person she had ever seen when she arrived in Wilmington.

They spent a few days in Wilmington and came on to Fayetteville to be with H. L. Rulnick. Rivka made a home for her brother and her family. They all lived together. Isadore started peddling clothes using a horse and buggy and later opened 'Rosenfeld's Fashion Shop' on Person St. They both did well. . In 1930 they merged their businesses together for a while then later separated again. After W.W.II "H. L." opened credit clothing stores in Aberdeen and Red Springs and Isadore opened one in Dunn. H.L. moved his store to Hay street and changed the name of the stores to "The Quality Shop". The Stores were operated as credit clothing stores with routes for selling and collecting. The routes were the mainstay of the business.

To try to fit the families together I will insert the write up that Harris Meisels Rulnick sent me. *Harris writes; " my maternal grandfather, Harris Meisels, moved himself, his wife Rachel, and two of his daughters Florence (my mother), and Clara, and his son George to Fayetteville in 1916 to get out of Brooklyn, NY and into a smaller and less crowded environment. He opened a furniture store on Person street. My mother married Boris Vinokur, a soldier, stationed at Fort Bragg in 1921. My Grandfather died of a heart attract on the train on a trip to New York in 1922. My grand mother's brother, James Fabricant, took over the store for a couple of years until my grandmother, aunt Clara, and George moved back to New York to live with my oldest Uncle, Raphael. I was born in Fayetteville in 1923 and lived here until 1931, when my family moved back to New York. We stayed there less than a year, then my mother brought me and my sister Judy back to Fayetteville. She and my father were divorced in 1933. She married my stepfather Harry L. Rulnick in 1935 "*

"I grew up in Fayetteville, attended Central (elementary) School and Fayetteville High School, graduating in 1939. During that time I was a Boy Scout, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with gold and silver palms. My scoutmaster was Monroe Evans. I went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated in 1943 with a major in accounting. While at the University I joined Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and was president of the chapter in 1942. I was a member of the Fencing team and was elected captain in 1942/ 43. I had also joined the Navel Reserve in 1942. "

"In the fall of 1943 I went on active duty with the Navy to the Midshipman School at Notre Dame, Temporary duty in the Philadelphia Navy Yard and then to supply school in Boston. I was ordered to duty on the USS Stafford, DE411 as the supply and disbursing officer which was then at Pearl Harbor in the spring of 1944. (after his

ship was sunk) *While home on 'survivors leave', Doris Dlugin and I were married. After another tour of duty I was returned to inactive duty and Doris and I came home to Fayetteville."*

"I went to work with my step-father at the 'Quality shop' and legally changed my name to Rulnick. Our Daughter, Jane, was born in 1946, Rosalind in 1950, and Lisa in 1954. When poppa (H.L.) died in 1961 we started closing down the three stores and in 1963 I went to work at the accounting firm of 'Ennis, Linder and Fogler'. I passed the CPA exam in 1964 and after serving my apprenticeship, I became a CPA in 1965. After some partnership changes, the firm of Linder and Rulnick merged with Cherry, Bekaert & Holland in 1974. I became Resident & Managing partner in 1981 and retired in 1985."

"I have served on the board of our B'nai B'rith lodge continuously since 1946, and as president in 1950 and 1965, president of the NC B'nai B'rith association in 1968 and president of district 5 in 1972 & 73. I was several times a member of several board of B'nai B'rith and BBYO and on the International Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith. I have served several times for a total of fifteen years on the Board of trustees of Beth Israel Congregation as President for three years and most of the rest of the time as either treasurer or financial advisor. I served on the Fayetteville Human Services commission and as chairman in 1989 and 1990. I was president of the Cape Fear Kiwanis Club and am presently on the Fayetteville Urban Ministry's Executive Committee."

When Jack Mendelsohn got out of the Army he elected to stay in Fayetteville and soon married Edith Rosenfeld the oldest daughter of Isadore. He went into the furniture business Edith ran the business for years and their son, Gary took over the business after her death. Gary closed out the business in about 1999.

Sam Mendelsohn Married Wilhelmina Rosenfeld and took over the family clothing business. Wilhelmina died young and Sam died a couple of years later. Since their children were young, Nathan Schwartz, their cousin, from Wilmington made himself available and managed the business with great success for the Mendelsohn children. The Third Rosenfeld daughter married Noah Ginsberg. They operated a furniture business in Whiteville, N. C. She and her son run the store today.

There were about eighteen or twenty Jewish families living in Fayetteville in 1915. The men would get together for Yahrzeit (a service in remembrance of a deceased family member) religious services in the back of one of the stores on Person street. About this time the

group organized, and they employed a shochet (to slaughter animals in a kosher manner) and to teach the children to read Hebrew. Instead of him leading the services, usually one of the men in the group performed as the chason (the leader of the services) for most of the services

S. H. Davidow who died in 1918 was the first Shochet. My research and tales told by my family are that he was a very nice young man and was a great friend of my family. When it was time for me to be born it was raining very hard and the roof leaked in the apartment where we lived on Person Street so my mother went to Rabbi Davidow's house and Dr. David MacKethan delivered me there. He was the founder of MacKethan's Drug Store that operated on the Market Square on the corner between Stein Bros. and The Hub store on Person street.

The Sugar's name was Tsukera, a Russian word meaning sugar. They lived in Iragola, Lithuania which is about fifty miles from Covnia. Joe immigrated to America at age 12 and got A job at \$3.00 per week. He was another of the Baltimore Bargain House peddlers, who came south at the age of sixteen and finally, in 1916, had saved enough money to buy a store for sale in St. Pauls, N. C. He Married Anne Leviton from Baltimore.”

They Had four children Emanuel, Stanley, Leon, and Beatrice . All stayed in this area. (See The Joe Sugar genealogy chart. And the Fleishman genealogy chart.) Leon Sugar's daughter Harriet married John Miller from Montreal, Canada. For his Bar Mitzvah her son Drew Miller prepared a detailed history of all of his ancestors and sent me a copy . All of the 1800 generations lived in Lithuania.

THIS SUGAR FAMILY IS IDENTIFIED in the family picture on the next page.

STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

ERNEST FLEISHMAN, HIS WIFE BEA SUGAR FLEISHMAN,
LEON SUGAR, EVELYN DLUGIN SUGAR, HER HUSBAND
EMANUEL SUGAR.

SEATED ON THE SOFA EVELYN AND MANNY'S CHILDREN
ALLEN ON THE LEFT AND DENNIS ON THE RIGHT WITH JOE
AND ANNE SUGAR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SOFA



Family Tree	Joe Sugar (Zelig Tsukera)	Anne Leviton	
Emanuel married Evelyn Diugin	Beatrice Married Ernest Fleishman	Stanley Married Annette Solomon	Leon Married Mickey Fleishman
Children	Children	Children	Children
Alan married Phyliss Then	Jay married Ellen divorced	Frances Married Paul Solomon Divorced	Harriet Married John Miller
Grand Children	Grand Children	Grand Children	Grand Children
Elizabeth Laura & Todd Sugar	Daniel & Rachel Fleishman	Andy & Josh Solomon	Zak Drew, & Caroline Miller
Dennis unmarried Lumberton &- Wilmington	Marcia Married Mark Spiser	Jackie Married Talmage Clements	Donna Married Buddy Harmon Divorced
Grand Children	Grand Children	Grand Children	Grand Children
	Kim & Scott Speiser		Emilli Harmon
	Jeff Married Laura	Jo Anne Married Ken Short	Mitchell Married Karina Kaminov
	Grand Children	Grand Children	Grand Children
	Winston Fleishman	Lee & Hannah Short	Erik & Scott Sugar
			Joe Married Christina Muraski
			Grand Children
			Mick & Landon Sugar

In the edition of Feb. 1, 1916, the Fayetteville Observer announced that "J. Stein sent \$237.78 to the Jewish relief fund (collected locally) in answer to The Proclamation of President Wilson."

On Feb. 9, 1916 Headlines in the Fayetteville Observer proclaimed, "The Fourth National Bank suspended business, but the depositors will be paid in full."

On March 14, 1916 the paper announced that " B. Fleishman and Bros. had bought the three story brick department store of F. W. Thornton on Hay street. The deal was arranged through Smith and Sandrock, real estate brokers. The price paid was \$36,500.00."

Beth Israel Congregation

About 1910 the group sort of organized. Two years later several of the group got together and in 1912 they employed a combination Rabbi to be a- shochet (to slaughter animals in a kosher manner) and to teach the children how to read Hebrew. I mean how to read only. There was no language teaching. Occasionally the rabbi read part of the service but usually one of the Fleishman men in the group performed as the chasen (the leader of the services).

There were about eighteen Jewish families living in Fayetteville in 1915. They would get together for Yahrzeit religious services in the back of one of the stores on Person Street. They finally got together and decided to meet in the large storage room on the second floor over "The HUB" men's clothing store on Person Street, The MACKETHAN building which was then owned by the Stein family.

On April 5, 1917, after three days debate, The Congress of the United States declared war on Germany and we joined our allies for world war 1. Then on August the 21st 1918 Camp Bragg was established on "127,000 acres of desolate sand hills and pine trees as a field artillery training site." It was named after Confederate General Braxton Bragg. The major activity at Camp Bragg was training to fire the canons and to operate the observation balloons to direct the fire. I remember driving out there as a small child. I guess I was three or four years old, but honestly I remember my father allowing me to walk on the concrete and to look at the lighter than air balloons which were filled with helium. They were awesome to me. In front of the new building that had been built to store them in, there was a large concrete paved area which was a staging area to tie down the balloons. It was the largest concrete area that anyone had ever seen around here and people traveled by horse or mule and wagon to ride on that large square of concrete paving in order

to say they did. Later they built several roads paved in concrete, and they allowed cars to ride on it. That was another phenomenon for both the adults and the children in the area.

In February of 1922 the site became a permanent Army post and it was renamed Fort Bragg in September of that year.

During World War II a reception station was built and Fort Bragg had a population of some 67,000 within one year. The first airborne troops trained here at Fort Bragg, Camp Mackall, and Pope Air Force Base.

“Today the Fort Bragg and neighboring Pope Air Force Base form one of the largest military complexes in the World” The information here was taken from the history of Fort Bragg at the Fayetteville Library. It also had the largest population of any post and of course became a major influence on the economic prosperity of the area. Many Jews while in the army have attended services at Beth Israel and through the years a number have established residence here.

On the 11th day of May 1917 the Certificate Of Incorporation of BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, INC. was issued by the State of North Carolina. The certificate was recorded in book 4 page 44 in the register of deeds vault of Cumberland County in the city of Fayetteville, N. C.

The names of the incorporators were

Hyman Fleishman whose son W. Edward Fleishman was the acting secretary.

M. KRAMER

M. J. LACOB

K. STEIN

I. EVANS (my Father)

The principal office was located on the second floor of the MacKethan building, on the southeast corner of Market Square in the city of Fayetteville, N. C. The congregation was to worship in the orthodox Jewish faith. (a copy of the original document appears on the next five pages).

The Hall was furnished with an Arc (a cabinet) to hold a torah, a number of folding chairs, and a few tables (to play games or cards and on which to serve food) so that it could be used as a group meeting place for the several families of Jews in and around Fayetteville. The hall was fixed up so that the Ark which held the Torah could be moved and protected in a little separate room that was sectioned off so that when there was any activity other than religious the Torah would not be desecrated.



No. 15100

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION INCORPORATION.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves into a corporation under and by virtue of the laws of North Carolina, and do hereby severally agree that the said corporation is for the purposes herein set out, and none other, and do hereby set forth.

First: The name of the corporation is Beth Israel Congregation, Incorporated.

Second: The location of the principal office of the said corporation in this state is in the McKethan Building second floor, on the southeast corner of Market Square in the city of Fayetteville, N.C.

Third: The objects for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) To establish and maintain congregational worship with the forms, rituals, ceremonies, customs and usages of the orthodox Jewish faith; the membership in the said congregation being in accordance with the orthodox Jewish Ritual and being a self governing body, subject to said ritual,

(b) To buy, lease or otherwise acquire lands, and buildings and sell, lease, exchange and improve the same, and do such other things as may be necessary for the acquisition, holding and selling of property, both real and personal, for the use and benefit of the said congregation, and to do such other things as may be necessary for the maintenance of worship, forms, ceremonies, customs and usages for the said congregation in the way and manner in which the same is usually done by like congregations.

(c) Admission to the congregation being in accordance with the said forms, rituals, ceremonies, customs,

rites and usages of the orthodox Jewish ritual.

Fourth: This organization is without capital stock and is for purely religious purposes and for the furtherance of such matters and things as are usually done and performed by organizations of like character.

Fifth: The names and P.O. addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

NAME	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. Fleishman	Fayetteville, N.C.
H. Kramer	Fayetteville, N.C.
M. J. Lacob	Fayetteville, N.C.
K. Stein	Fayetteville, N. C.
I. Evans	Fayetteville, N.C.

The period of existence of this corporation is unlimited.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, this the 9th day of May A.D. 1917.

H. Fleishman	(Seal)
H. Kramer	(Seal)
M. J. Lacob	(Seal)
K. Stein	(Seal)
I. Evans	(Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of M. W. Herring, Witness.

NORTH CAROLINA
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

This is to certify that on this the 10th day of May A.D. 1917, before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared H. Fleishman, H. Kramer, M. J. Lacob, K. Stein, I. Evans, who I am satisfied are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation of Beth Israel Congregation Incorporated, and

NO. 15100)

I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they do each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act or deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal, this the 10th day of May A. D. 1917.

R. W. Harring,

Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal)

My commission expires 11/9/17 .

Filed May 11, 1917.

J. Bryon Grimer, Secretary of State.



I, J. Bryan Primes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached (Three sheets) to be a true copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of Beth Israel Con-gregation Incorporated Company, and the probates thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office on the eleventh day of May A. D. 1917.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh, this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord 1917.

J. Bryan Primes
Secretary of State.

W. Edward Fleishman was considered a charter member. He took care of all duties for his father Hyman Fleishman.

The list of the founding members to the best my research is as follows;

Samuel D. Bridge and wife Fannie
Isaac Evans and wife Sarah
Benjamin Fleishman
Harry Fleishman
Hyman Fleishman
Morris Fleishman
Samuel Fleishman
W. Edward Fleishman
Harry Goldstein
Jacob Goldstein
Oswin F. Hunsberger and wife Emma,
Alexander Jackson and wife Celia
Harry Tobie Kramer and wife Elizabeth
M. Kramer
Lewis Levin
Jacob Stein and wife Yetta
Kalman Stein and wife Fannie)
Adolph L Stern and wife Daisey

Meetings and socials were held in the same hall. Even after the synagogue was built in 1922 the hall was used for Minyons, as needed, because the location was so handy to the stores of many of the members. It was also used for Bar Mitzvahs, and for social gatherings up until the time that a community center was constructed on Morganton road in 1950. A foot air pump operated a player piano that was set up by A.M. Fleishman. Several punched scrolls of music were gleefully played by the young people at most gatherings. I remember the most popular was "WHO". I even remember some of the words, " Who stole my heart away, Who made me dream all day, Who will I answer too? No one but you!" I guess we played that tune a million times.

This information was from Lillian Elfmon Kent the granddaughter of Morris Goldberg.

"Morris Goldberg was a non-professional cantor." (He was a very good one) who was working as a construction worker on the new orthodox synagogue in Wilmington. He moved to Mt. Tabor, N. C. for a while then back to Wilmington. "Hyman Fleishman had heard about him, or maybe heard him, and approached him about moving to Fayetteville where he would be an asset to the then fledgling congregation of Beth Israel."

It was implied that the group would assist him in his business venture. Morris moved here with his wife Celia and his mother Naomi and

opened a shoe repair shop on Person Street. He was our cantor for years and I witnessed many a tear from the congregation members as he sang with tears in his voice in supplication. His voice was an enjoyment to all who heard him. He was an excellent shoe repairman too. I remember that he made the best tasting smoked fish in his back yard on Cool Spring St. Occasionally our family were given one of the fish. When his sister passed away he brought her boy Joseph to be raised by him here in Fayetteville. Joe and I was very good friends. Joe changed his name back to his fathers name, Zaglin, when his father offered to pay for Joe's college education to become a lawyer. When I was a member of the Tau Epsilon Fraternity in 1932, Joe prevailed on the group to put in a kosher kitchen. He did more for my religiosity then anyone.

Morris Goldberg initiated the Chevra Kadisha (for overseeing burial rites) here in Fayetteville and was the chairman of the society for many years, actually until his last illness. He died on Yom Kippur and we interrupted the service to say Kadish for him. He was so concerned with the rites and customs that he would personally weed and clean the cemetery. Later the city took over those chores. He also was a great champion of the "HIAS" "The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society"

Camp BRAGG was approved and on September 18, 1922 it was declared a permanent post named Fort Bragg. At one point it became the largest military post in the country, but later a couple of the Midwestern posts were enlarged to cover larger areas. It also had the largest population of any post in the country at one time and of course it became a major influence on the economic prosperity of the area. Many Jews while in the army stationed here have attended services at Beth Israel and through the years a number have established residence here.

I was told that after many discussions and a number of arguments the property on Cool Spring street was purchased. The rivalry between the Fleishmans and the Steins was always present. The board of trustees were listed with H. Fleishman as president and trustees K. Stein, H. Kramer, J. L. Fleishman, Sam Bridge, Sam Fleishman, and M. Goldberg. A copy of the deed is on the next page. Please note that the transaction was prepared in hand writing and was recorded that way.

Hand written Deed to Cool Spring street property

RECORD OF DEEDS BOOK-266

259 SEPTEMBER 29, 1920 lot on Cool Spring St. 100ft by 100 ft.

Joe W. Hollingsworth
Commissar

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

H. Fleishman, State Trustee
of the State of N.C.

Cumberland COUNTY

THIS DEED, Made this 29th day of September, A. D. 1920, by and between
Joe W. Hollingsworth, Commissar

of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina, of the first part, and
H. Fleishman, K. Steier, H. Wagner, J. S. Fleishman, James Bridges, Sam. Fleisher,
and M. Heedberg, Trustees of the State of North Carolina, of the second part, and
of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina, of the second part, and

WITNESSETH, That said part by of the first part, in consideration of one hundred
dollars and other good and valuable consideration, to him paid by said part in of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, he has bargained and sold, and by
these presents do bargain, sell, and convey to said H. Fleishman, K. Steier, H. Wagner, J. S. Fleishman,
James Bridges, Sam. Fleisher, and M. Heedberg, Trustees of the State of North Carolina, of the second part, and
of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Mrs. Whitehead
Cumberland County, State of North Carolina, of the second part, and

bounded as follows, viz:
Beginning on the western margin of Cool Spring
Street in Fayetteville, N.C., at the intersection by said margin
with an alley, and running thence with said alley
westward 100 feet, more or less, to the corner; thence with
the said line southward say south 20 west 100 feet,
more or less, to the corner; thence with the said line
eastward say south 70 east 100 feet, more or less, to
the line of Cool Spring Street, and thence with it
northward say north 20 east to the beginning, being
the lot commonly known as "The McDonald House
& Lot," and for some time occupied by Neil Smith
as a residence, and being the first lot described
in a deed from C.W. Bradford and N.W. Ray,
Commissioners, to Joe W. Hollingsworth, dated December
24th, 1894, and recorded in Book M. No. 6, page 273,
in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Cumberland
County, State of North Carolina.

The newspaper write up on May 22, 1922 proclaimed that “ Ground was broken today for the erection of a \$15,000.00 Jewish Synagogue to be finished in 90 days. It will be located on Cool Spring St. between Person and Russell streets. It will have a seating capacity of 200 persons and will be beautifully decorated throughout.

“The building of the Synagogue here was made possible by the contributions of the local Jews. The building will be 30 ft. by 70 ft. and will be divided into two sections, the front section being the church proper, and the rear section the Sunday school room.”

“The name of the local Synagogue will be Beth Israel, and although there will not be a local rabbi, services will be held regularly.”

The corner stone of the first Synagogue was lettered .

THIS CORNER STONE
WAS LAID BY
THE HEBREW LADIES
AID SOCIETY
1922

The building was built at 124 South Cool Spring Street . An alley ran along the north side of the building which was just right to park about ten cars for a minyon. The building was thirty feet by seventy feet with a sanctuary to hold about 200 people, a small balcony for children and women, and a small classroom in the back for Hebrew school. Actually the first year the women had to sit in the hot balcony was the last time they were willing to sit there. Thereafter usually the children would be sent to the balcony to keep them quiet, but really to cut up and pass the time. I know because I was one of them. There were three rows of benches across the sanctuary. Each bench was long enough to seat four people but when we had a lot of visitors for the High Holy Days we squeezed five to a bench. The row of benches on the south side of the sanctuary were designated for the women. There was quite an argument from the very orthodox against the change and there was mumbling (but no out loud statements because they all had wives and no one was willing to build a partition down that side of the building.). During the high holidays services was really the only time we needed seats for women. At the rear of the building along with the bathrooms was a mikva for the ladies to be religiously cleansed of bodily and spiritual

sins. At first it was used occasionally but by the 1930s no one used it any more.

Picture of the Cool Spring Street Synagogue



The usual problem was that Saturday was the one day in the week when the farmers came to town to shop and therefore was the only profitable day in many stores. So Shabbat services were started at six thirty in the morning (in the dark in winter) and they were over by eight o'clock or just a little thereafter. The biggest obstacle here was that Mr. Morris Goldberg was the Torah reader with a beautiful voice and a love to sing and he set the pace. If someone pushed he added a few trills and the services lasted longer. I was told that there were many arguments about what psalms to read and where in the service to read them. Each member had his own prayer book and each had a slightly different pronunciation of the Hebrew because each country from which they had immigrated had their own customs. Most had been born in Lithuania and they prevailed. It was several years before it was agreed to buy prayer books so all would have the same sequence of the services.

Many times when there was a Yahrzeit (a service on the anniversary of the death of a family member) the wife of the mourner would send chopped herring and kichel (a very crispy thick cracker) or a bottle of sweet wine and even a little 'schnapps' once in a while. The men would only take a swallow, but it sort of proved that they were a 'mensch' (manly).

The new synagogue was in a neighborhood where several families had their homes.

Below is a list of families who lived close by;

115 Cool Spring Street The Alex Waitman family
218 Cool Spring Street The Nathan Rose family
219 Cool Spring Street The Morris Goldberg Family
222 Cool Spring Street The Hyman Lacob Family
248 Cool Spring Street The Isaac Evans Family

Around the corner

235 Russell Street The J. L. Fleishman Family
237 Russell Street The Jacob Kronsberg Family
114 Russell Street A. M. Fleishman
402 Russell Street The William Kertzman Family

A few blocks away lived the Stein families, the Alex Jackson Family, the Sam Bridge Family, the Edwin Fleishman Family, the S.M. Fleishman family and the Isadore Rosenfeld Family.

Joel and Marcia Schur found an old numbered page gray bound ledger with hand written Hebrew lettering. We thought it was Yiddish. When

our Rabbi Yosef Levanon looked at it he remarked, "This is Hebrew written by a well educated person!" After he had translated the manuscript he again said how scholarly the text was. To me the first few pages looked like printed Hebrew then the latter pages were in written Hebrew. The calligraphy was excellent. I originally had in mind to rewrite the contents in modern English and to use the material for information, but the Rabbi used the literal translation and here it is. The pages in the ledger were numbered from 1 to 150 although only three pages had been used for his writings. Mr. Berman was the father of both Mrs. J. and Mrs. K. Stein. When this was written he was living in Newport News, Va. Later he moved to Fayetteville and lived with the J. Steins on Gillespie street. The Hebrew text was written to read from left to right and it started on Page 148.

This is written exactly as it was translated.

" A book of Beth Israel in the Holy Congregation in Fayetteville, 1922"

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Pg. 144 " INTRODUCTION "

" For the sake of my friends and brothers, I will speak peace. Dearest brothers, if we study the history of the world, since we became people, we see that many from ours sanctify the name of God and our people are spread around the world and many troubles passed over us and we never stopped following our ways of life. And now these days you are very few in Fayetteville and it came into your heart for the love of our faith, therefore, you gathered together to organize a "Congregation" to strengthen our faith as our Creator commanded Moses and it is your desire to hold onto everything that is holy in the name of Israel. And now you got together, valiant people, to build a Holy Temple in your city to express prayers to our Father in Heaven and to instruct your children in the Jewish ways and to study Torah as it is

appropriate for the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, therefore dear friends be strong in your holy endeavor, set the rules according to which you will follow and don't be like people who are following after honor so we won't be a disgrace to others because you are the House of Israel. And we should be grateful that we reached this moment to be in a land which is free where everyone is free to worship his ways of life. And I will pray and employ God to send blessings and success in everything that you do and may be privileged to see children and grand children studying Torah, doing good deeds and have peace on the House of Israel. And let it be remembered for good the name of two dignitaries, my in-law Rabbi Joseph Jacob, son of Isaac Stein and his wife, my daughter, Mrs. Liba, and Rabbi Kalman Hayim, son of Isaac Stein and his wife, my daughter, Mrs. Faiga Rachel, along with all those accompanying them to deal with community affairs in good faith. The Holy One, blessed be He, will repay them and remove from them all sickness and may they be privileged to see the redemption of Zion
Amen and amen.

These are the words of the writer and in peace.

Your friend, Jacob Moses – Joseph Dov Berman

“It is from deep heart that I will send thanks to the leadership of the congregation for the honor to crown me with a crown “an honored member of Beth Israel” in their city today the 8th day of Tamuz 1922 here in Newport News.

These are the words of Jacob Moses son of Joseph Dov Berman

On page 142 in the ledger Mr. Berman lists names. All of the names are the Hebrew names. We did not get their English names so I will not use his list. This page was headed:

“ These are the names of the people who joined the congregation:”

On page 140 the page was headed:

“The list of the members follows:”

Ezekiel the son of Moses Kramer etc

There were several blank pages then on page 130 the page was headed:

“These are the ladies who joined the congregation. The list follows:”

There were several blank pages then on page 124 the page was titled

“ History

Here will be written all the happenings each year by the leaders who deal with the affairs of the congregation.”

On page 122, Mr. Berman starts the history :

“Beth Israel Congregation , Founded by Rabbi Joseph Jacob Stein and Rabbi Hayim, son of Rabbi Mordechai Fleishman, in the year 1910. Permission from the government was given in the year 1917. The cemetery was given as a gift from the city of Fayetteville thirty years earlier to the establishment of the congregation. And the beginning of the construction of the Synagogue was on Tuesday, before the SHAVUOT Festival, the year 1922. Dedication was on Thursday, prior to Rosh Hashanah, the year 1923 with a great celebration to bring the Torah Scrolls from the tent of Tefila to the Synagogue.”

“ Rabbi Jacob Judah Fleishman conducted the first evening service in the Synagogue and after that everyone went to the President’s house for a dinner that lasted until midnight.” (The first president was Hyman Fleishman.)

On page 121, The heading was

“Thanks and blessings to the head of the Women’s Organization for all of their help in the Synagogue. The names below:” (no names were listed)

On page 120, The heading (written in Yiddish) was

“The Constitution of Beth Israel:”
(There was nothing more written.)

Also in 1922 a program was launched to build a Y. M. C. A. in Fayetteville and J. Stein was among the large givers and was elected to the board of directors. His friends teased him that he was the only Jew to be on a board of that Christian organization in the country.

As a child in Fayetteville one of the most frustrating things was maintaining our bicycles. H. R. McDaniel opened a bicycle shop that was boy oriented. He sold parts for most all makes of bikes. He repaired them if one had the money. But if one had only enough money

to buy the parts he would let you use his tools to repair your old beat up bike and watch to be sure you did not leave with a dangerous operating bicycle. The children loved him. The ones I knew never owned a new bicycle and we constantly went to Mr. Mac's to keep ours ride able.

The city directory of Fayetteville for the year of 1924 listed a population of 15,500.

It announced that, "The gasoline operated trolley between the Market house in Fayetteville and the Fort Bragg main post and from the Market house to Massy Hill was in operation and that the principal streets were now paved. There were railroad tracks down the middle of Gillespie and Hay streets for the trolley to run on (There was not a paved road to Fort Bragg until about 1929). Three railroads operated through here with trains going in six directions. There was regular traffic on the Cape Fear River between Fayetteville and Wilmington with the third lock almost completed which will give an eight foot channel on the river all the way to Wilmington which is the same as that maintained on the Mississippi. Fort Bragg is the largest permanent artillery post in the country 120,000 acres. The state highway commission is constructing a hard surfaced road from the city to the post. The Broadway moving picture theater is located at 215 Hay street, admission for children on Saturday was five cents."

I have listed below the members of the congregation and their business association just as they were listed in the city directory of 1924. (H means residence address and clk means clerk or salesperson)

ADELSON, Morris	salesman	Fleishman Bros. Store	H 328
Person St.			
ALK, Miss Leah	saleslady	Fleishman's Big Store	H 304
Person St.			
BERMAN, Jacob B.			H 316 Gillespie St.
BRANDT, Mary	Widow of George		H corner of Hillside & Davie
BRIDGE, Samuel D.	manager	The Hub	104 Person St. H 115
Cool Spring St.			
EVANS, Isaac	Prop.	Evans Furniture Co.	110 Person St. H 114
Dick St.			
EVANS, Minnie J.	student		
FABRIKANT, Myron (Jimmy)	Mgr.	ABEL'S Dept. Store	
134 Person St.			H 114 Dick St.
FINKELSTEIN, William	Rev.	Rabbi	H 337 Russell St.

FLEISHMAN, A.M. Prop. Drug Store 123 Hay St. H 237
Russell St.

FLEISHMAN, Edwin Mgr. Fleishman's Big Store 106-108 Hay St.
phone # 3 H 110 Cool Spring St.

FLEISHMAN, Harry Mgr. Fleishman Bros. Store 101-105 Person St.

FLEISHMAN, J. L. Prop. The Bee Hive Store 117 Hay St.
H 237 Russell St.

FLEISHMAN, Leon Ed Fleishman & Bros. H 314 Person St.

FLEISHMAN, Maurice Ed Fleishman & Bros. H 304 Person St.

FLEISHMAN, Samuel M. Dept Mgr. F Big Store H 304
Person St.

FLEISHMAN, W. Edward Ed Fleishman & Bros. H 314 Person St.

FLEISHMAN, William Dept. Mgr. F Big Store H 304 Person St.

GOLDBERG, Morris Prop. Standard Electric Shoe Repairing Shop
121 Person St. H 205 'B' St.

JACKSON, Alexander Prop. Grocery 124 Person St. H 223 Person
St.

KERBEL, Emanuel Prop. Kerbel & Son 129 Person St. H 337
Russell St.

KERBEL, Herman Kerbel & son 129 Person St. H 337
Russell St.

KERBEL, R. Max Prop. Kerbel & Son 129 Person St. H 337
Russell St.

KRONBERG, Jacob Gen. Mdse. 105 Person St. H 239
Russell St.

LACOB. Hyman J. Fayetteville Notion Co. H 222 Cool Spring St.

LACOB. Louis T. Fayetteville Notion Co. H 222 Cool Spring St.

LACOB, Meyer J. Myers Shoe & Repair Store 114 Hay St. H.
Cool Spring St.

LEFKOWITZ, Isadore clk H 204 "B" St.

LEFKOWITZ, Max Prop. Herman's Specialty Store Jewelry,
Diamonds, Radios

LEFKOWITZ, Morris Mgr. H 204 "B" St.

LEFKOWITZ, Miss Rosa clk H 204 "B" St.

LESSEM, Miss Charlotte Teacher H 107 Dick St.

LESSEM, J. I. Transfer Co. Hauling with B. A. Betts Huske bldg. H
107 Dick St.

LESSEM, Maurice Student

LEVIN, Louis Junk & Furniture H 523 Pershing

MEISELS, Miss Clara Steno.

MEISELS, Mrs. Ray widow of Harris Meisels Furniture Co. 126
Person St.

NEWMAN, Miss Fannie H 208 'B' St.
 NEWMAN, Israel H 208 'B' St.
 NEWMAN, Louis N. Men's Furnishings 104 Green St. H 409
 Person St.
 PATZ, Benjamin Gen. Mdse. 111 person St. H 311 Raeford Lane
 PATZ, Harold Student H 311 Raeford Lane
 ROSENFELD, Isadore Clothing Store 102 Person St. H 231
 Cool Spring St.
 RULNICK, Harry Rulnick & Rosenfeld clothing H 231
 Cool Spring St.
 SHAVITZ, Miss Bessie H 115 Cool Spring St.
 SHAVITZ, Harry clk Stein Bros. H 222 Cool Spring St.
 SHAVITZ, Samuel clk The Hub H 115 Cool Spring St.
 STEIN, Kalman Prop. The Capital 114 Hay St.
 STEIN, Jacob Prop. Stein Bros.
 STEIN, Irving student
 VINOKER, Boris Mgr. Meisels Furniture Co phone 275 H
 302 Person St.
 WAITMAN, Alex Prop. The Peoples Store 115 Hay St. H
 114 Dick St.
 ZEIGHOUSER, Jacob Grocer 132 Person St. H corner Person &
 Cool Spring
 ZALL, Mrs. Dora F. The Globe 105 Hay St. H 234 Russell St.

The Lefkowitzes moved to Raeford soon after.

The Patzes built a house then moved away and my family bought that house at 248 Cool Spring St.

About this time, circa 1928, Robert Lessem and I were trying to pass a boy scout test which required us to take a fourteen mile hike. We hiked to Eastover out the then Dunn road which was seven miles. We went into the little filling station grocery store at Eastover and since both of us were sort of shy about our language (we wanted to go to the bathroom) we asked to use the lavatory. We were told that the closest one was in the high school. We went in the woods.

*****Black Tuesday was October 29, 1929 when the stock market collapsed. The number of bank failures that followed were over 1300 in 1930, over 3000 in 1931 and over 5700 in 1932. This marked the big depression that lasted until the effects of the beginning of World War II in Europe slowly affected the US economy.

1930 This was a year that many people learned how to live with few luxuries or none. Much of the savings of the population was just gone. People learned to live hand to mouth and found it could be done. Jobs disappeared and reappeared at just a fraction of the old wages. Many did not reappear.

All of the first group of Jews who settled in Fayetteville were foreign born mostly from Lithuania several were from Latvia and a few came from Poland. They were foreigners and, being Jewish, made them seem more foreign. There was a reluctance among many of the second or third generation of people who had immigrated from Scotland or Ireland to have personal association with "those people". The small group of children with our inheritance were often singled out for sleights and even physical attacks. I had several fights at school over just over 'my being there'. Sam Newman, an older member of the Hebrew school group worked with me to teach me self defense, and to do any thing to protect me from the other boy. The first time that I hurt the other kid in a tussle, it seemed to clear the air. By and large only a few sly remarks were my lot after that. In the boy scouts several of us joined at the same time and we had a Jew Patrol of which the five of us were members. When we went to summer camp the cost was \$7.00 for the week including food. We slept in tents. Mr. C. B. Tillinghast made sure to have vegetarian baked beans for us because as everyone knows the staple of boy scout eating (in those days) was pork and beans. By the way, a few years later after college, I became the scoutmaster of that same troop that met in the hut behind the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fayetteville.

As my generation grew up, the awareness of differences became less. Everything in our environment was the same except our religion. More and more people overcame the built in prejudice toward foreigners. In the generation following me, the sameness became an opening for association in most any activity except religious. So as the orthodox customs were relaxed to conservative and reform Judaism, there have been many mixed marriages. And they seem to be working. Some converted one way and some the other. Now many spouses are converted to Judaism.

The first Classes of Hebrew school started around the year 1925. Rabbi Rutburg was a large man. When he joined in the chanting before removing the Torah on SHABBOT morning his "BAY ANO ROCHIM" with emphasis on the "BAY" would reverberate through out our little

Shul. Of course he was a strict disciplinarian. He had to be to teach young reluctant students how to read Hebrew. He would sit in front of the class and each of us were required to read from the "Sabbath and Festival" prayer book. He would read the yiddisher paper and correct our mispronunciation or omission of a word instantly. So he was paying attention. Once in a while someone would try to fool him, but it did not work. We learned to read Hebrew, but we learned to be Jews by association and practice. We almost memorized the daily prayers and our Haftorah reading (the writing from the prophets assigned to the date of our 13th birthday) for our bar-mitzvoth by repetition. The teen aged group of people around my age were Sam Newman, his older sister Molly Newman, Bennie Adelson, Eddie Kronsberg, Annette Ward, Robert Lessem, Bennie Rose, Albert Jackson, Raymond Stein, Harry Stein, Florence Fleishman, Milton Fleishman and Bernie Fleishman. (I hope That I have left no one out.)

It was not until I was in college that I learned that the Torah is divided into fifty-four portions, which are called "parsha" at least one to be read and studied each week. Since the Jewish calendar does not match the civil calendar we sometimes read two portions a week so that with missing a portion on a holy day and only 52 weeks in each year we make it come out right. The schedule for what portion is read and at what time was established by the Rabbinical court in ancient time and projected many years ahead. Certain portions are designated for each Holidays, but these are a repetition of the weekly readings to emphasize the teaching we should get from those passages. This does not change the sequence of the weekly readings. So that if a holiday falls on a SHABBAT then that portion could be missed. The schedule takes all of that into account so that some weeks two portions must be read. This is to carry out the assignment of reading aloud the entire Torah to the 'congregants' each year. Some portions are very long so it is permissible to read a third of each portion each time and therefore to have read the entire Torah every three years. The third that is read must be from the properly scheduled "parsha."

The compilation and translation of "The Pentateuch and the Haftorahs" by Dr J. H. Hertz, C.H. has notations suggesting the division of each portion into seven parts so that seven people may be called to the BEEMA (the raised pulpit) to recite the blessings and witness the reading of that section for the day. The first person called should be a descendent of the family of priests or a Cohen. The second section witness should be of the family Levy. The other portions may be

witnessed by any Israelite. The last portion, called the "Maftier" includes the blessing and the reading of the assigned "HAFTORAH", which is a story or writing of a prophet. A visiting stranger should be given precedence for an "uffruff", a calling up to a reading, as a courtesy and welcome to the congregation. Should no Cohen or levy be present then a "common" Jew may be called to the torah to witness the portion being chanted aloud.

During the thirties there was a feeling of family among the Jews in the state. First because we were so few as compared to the size of most religious groups and second because of the boundaries set by other groups. This was instrumental in the establishment of the "North Carolina association of Jews. The first session was held by having a Sunday picnic outing at HOLT'S Lake just outside of Wilson, N. C. Many families across the state met and mingled and had a good time. This became an annual event and continued for several years as an enjoyable way of keeping in touch. It was a place for the young folks to meet and to arrange dates. There were isolated Jewish families in several small towns in North and South Carolina. Mr. I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte initiated the hiring of a circuit riding Rabbi to visit those small communities and to teach the children for an hour or so as he made his circuit. He took turns leading a Shabbat service in each community.

The North Carolina association of Jewish Men and the North Carolina Association of Jewish women and the North Carolina association of Rabbi's were all outgrowths of those Wilson gatherings. Various statewide programs were sponsored by these groups. One was an annual summer camp set up for the children in Wild Acres, in the mountains near Ashville on a site owned by the Blumenthals of Charlotte. The camp site was conducted under the supervision of a North Carolina rabbi and by volunteer parents of one of the children attending. Mildred and I were councilors for one summer session when our children attended. It was a great Jewish experience for all attendees. There were classes, games, and rituals to teach Jewishness.

Out of these associations and again under the influence if I. D. Blumenthal, the N.C. Home for Jewish People was founded and operated near Winston Salem for many years. The retirement program still operates in cooperation with other retirement groups.

During these years of partial separation from the general social activities of the area, the cities of Fayetteville, Wilson, and Wilmington and other N. C. cities held dances so that the young courting Jews throughout the state could meet. Those dances were organized by small groups. Many prepared and presented amateur entertainment activities that drew people from around the area and were a great enjoyment for the participants.

I found no minutes of the meetings of the board of the synagogue for the years of 1922 to 1935. We do know that Hyman Fleishman was the first president and I think he served for a few years and then J. Stein was president. The competition for leadership between the Fleishmans and the Steins during those years was acute. I am told that the arguments between the families came almost to the point of violence several times. The numbers gave the Fleishmans some advantage through the years. That competition, I am sure, led to much progress in the development of our Jewish community.

I did find a picture of a congregation meeting held in the sanctuary of the Cool Spring Street Shul circa 1930. It is a very poor picture, but it is all I could find.

THESE TWO PICTURES OF THE BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
circa 1930 PROBABLY IN A REGULAR CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING. It could not be a religious service, because of the seating.
This is looking across the men's section



This is looking at the women's section



1935 From the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 1935; Present were A. M. Fleishman, president, M. Goldberg, Alex Waitman, J. Stein, S.M. Fleishman, Nathan Fleishman, P. Satisfsky, S.D. Bridge, J. I. Lessem and H. L. Rulnick. They had an extended discussion about dues collection. They appointed an education committee. Under Good and Welfare; they appointed a committee to prepare a program for 'Palestine Day' for next June 20th and they instructed the secretary (H.L. Rulnick) to write a letter to Mr. Watson to remove the cow from the rear (the lot just behind the building) of the synagogue. They appointed a committee to see about purchasing that property. They also appointed a meat committee.

A. M. Fleishman had become the mainstay or 'Shamus' or the one who assumed the duties of the sexton in a church. If anything needed to be done in maintenance or with the services he did it. He also developed a good voice and chanted the services as a backup for the chasen, Morris Goldberg. When Mr. Goldberg died A.M. Took over the chanting at most services. Many years later, A. M.'s son Joel became, and is at this writing, our professional chasen for the high Holy Days although he lives in Chapel Hill. Joel Fleishman has been coming to chant our services for some fourteen years for the two days of Rosh Hashanah and the day of Yomkipur at his own expense from wherever he was living.

A. M. Fleishman served as President of the board of directors of Beth Israel for the years of 1935, 36, and 37 then again for the years 1951, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 1959. If you notice he was given respite for the year 1954, when Sam Bridge was elected president

The February meeting brought back a report that the price of the land in back of the Shul was too high and the purchase was tabled. There was a request from the Rabbi (no name given but I think it was Wallace .) 1. That his income be increased by \$10.00 per week. 2. That arrangements should be made so that the Rabbi will receive all of the Passover orders from the ladies. 3. That the congregation extend a loan of \$ 100.00 to the Rabbi. The first matter was rejected. After a long debate the other two requests were tabled, however a committee was appointed to talk with the Rabbi to find a remedy for his problems. A five man committee was appointed. J. Stein, A. Waitman, M. Goldberg, I. Rosenfeld, and S. D. Bridge. The meeting closed at 10:30 p.m.

The next meeting was dated May 7, 1935. From the list of people present it seems that these meetings were congregation meetings and not just board meetings. The list of members present changed at each meeting and the total different members who attended a meeting in 1935 was 22. Some attended every meeting. "The committee met with Rabbi Wallace and reported progress and that satisfactory arrangements were made." (Nothing about what the arrangements were.) "The treasurer reported \$150.00 in the bank."

A motion was made to "formulate plans for erecting a home for the Rabbi in combination with a hall for a community center." This passed and a committee was appointed; M. Goldberg, Alex Waitman, K. Stein, Leon Fleishman, and P. Satsky. M. Goldberg refused to serve.

June 24, 1935 meeting . "The meat committee reported that the market was a very unsanitary place. Mr. L. Ward resigned from the board and his resignation was accepted. Mr. B. Greenberg applied for membership. He was accepted. A motion to move the kosher meat to another location was passed. A motion that we transfer kosher meat to Mr. Greenberg, if he agrees to the conditions of this congregation was passed. The house committee was instructed to get an estimate on repainting and repairing the Shul (the synagogue)."

September 10, 1935. "The meat committee reported that the kosher meat was transferred to Mr. Greenberg's market. Mr. Ward, (it was reported that he had just resigned from the board the previous meeting as reported above.) Mr. Kessler, and Mr. Pankin applied for membership in the congregation. They were accepted. Preparation for the high holidays took place. H. L. Rulnick and Leon Fleishman were appointed as ushers. The price of seats should be; " Members Single men \$3.00, family \$5.00. Non-members: Single men \$5.00, family \$8.00" Choosing the person for the Bal Tephila (the person to chant the services) for Shachras was left with the officers. Aliyahs shall be sold at auction from the Beema (the pulpit). A motion to give the aliyahs away did not pass. Collection will be made for H.I.A.S. (The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and Rabbi Itzchat Ellchonan's College will take place on Yom Kippur. A. M. Fleishman and I. Evans were appointed to solicit the members to provide some country folks with meals for the holidays." Secretary H. L. Rulnick

October 15, 1935 "Report of treasurer. The balance in the bank is \$390.65, cash on hand \$23.00. " Motion made by J. Stein and seconded by J.I. Lessem that the rabbi be given \$50.00 as a present for

his services (on the high holidays). I. Evans made an amendment seconded by Sam Fleishman that we make it \$75.00. Same passed. Election of officers. All present officers were unanimously reelected."

October 24, 1935 Special meeting called to elect a Rabbi.

"Motion made to reelect Mr. L. M. Wallace at the same salary and requirement as before. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to give a banquet to celebrate the first anniversary as rabbi of Beth Israel and that same should not cost the congregation over \$25.00. The motion carried. A committee was appointed to purchase a stove for the shul. There was some discussion about building a home for the Rabbi and about building a center. A committee was appointed. "

December 3, 1935 "The Banquet committee was given a vote of thanks. Various bills were listed and ordered to be paid by the treasurer. A motion was made that we install a telephone in the school building. It passed. There was discussion about the serving of meat. It was brought up that meat was served at all hours of the day, whereas it should only be served at certain hours. A motion was made and passed that meat and koshered chickens be sold only at set hours and under the supervision of Rabbi Wallace. A committee was appointed to collect for the Community Chest. A motion was made and passed to install an oil burner in the shul not to cost more than \$25.00.

This brings to mind that there was a pot bellied cast iron heater which was put up each winter and removed in the spring. We burned lump coal and the coal bucket was kept to the side of the Beema (pulpit). All it did was to take the chill off of the building. No one complained. They just kept their top coats on if it was very cold. I was told that some Minyons were conducted standing around the stove or they used the classroom which had a coal fired laundry heater. The motion was to buy an oil burning stove to sit in that corner. It still had the black six inch stove pipe rising from it and traveling some fifteen feet back to the flue hole in the chimney. In the class room the same chimney had a pipe opening and we also burned coal in what was called a "laundry heater" which had a hot water jacket around the fire pot so that there was hot water available in the building.

At the congregation meeting on January the 18th 1936 they discussed the two major problems. The kosher meat problem seemed to be constant. At this meeting a committee was appointed to "investigate the sanitary conditions of the butcher shop and report at once. The

committee was J. Stein, Sam Fleishman, and Ed Fleishman. The other problem was the Hebrew school. Another committee was appointed to work with the rabbi to "make a better school for the future".

The February meeting must have been considered very important since some fourteen members were present. "A letter was received from Charlotte's Jewish community informing us that our rabbi had been elected as shochet there and asked for our consent. A motion made by J. Stein and seconded by H. Zall that we release Mr. Wallace from his contract passed." A committee was appointed to select a new rabbi. A motion made that "Mr. J. Stein remain in the same capacity as in the past regarding handling of the money for the various institutions passed.

A special meeting was called for April 22, 1936 for the purpose of electing a Rabbi. The meeting lasted over two hours and ended with "keep looking".

"Special meeting May 13, 1936 A report on the discussion with Rabbi P. D. Cohen was written up in the minutes exactly as follows;

Committee: Salary stated \$125.00 per month.

Rabbi C: Satisfactory.

Committee: Duties, as same as past.

Rabbi C: Satisfactory.

Committee: When can you start duties?

Rabbi C: Next week.

Committee: Expense of coming and traveling Back to N.Y.C and returning approximated at \$56.00

Rabbi C: Agreeable.

Committee: Moving furniture from Shenandoah, Pa. Expense to be divided. Money to be advanced and he is to repay his half out of salary.

Rabbi C: Pleased.

Committee: Contract. None will be given.

Rabbi C: O. K.

"After a long discussion Rabbi Philip D. Cohen was elected Unanimously. An advance of \$60.00 for transportation was passed. Adjourned 11:00 p.m.."

Minutes of the June 10, 1936 Regular meeting. "Mr. Kessler was appointed to see Mr. Greenberg. about collecting \$2.50 in dues. The secretary was instructed to write several other people about past due

dues to the congregation. Application of Mr. George Stuhl for membership was approved. A motion to appoint Mr. Stuhl as assistant secretary at a salary of \$30.00 per year was passed. Adjourned”

By checking the records at the Library I found that George Z. Stuhl and Joseph Goldberg Zaglin were licensed to practice law in Fayetteville in June of 1936.

George remained here, married a woman from Boston named Edith and they had two daughters, Adrienne and Judy Lee. Joe only stayed here a short time. He married and lived in Atlanta. While we were at Carolina in 1932 Joe and I bought a 1928 Buick sports roadster that had been in a fire for \$35.00. It had a rumble seat and was painted a dull red. We fixed it up ourselves (actually my mother made new seat covers for the rumble seat out of a kind of oil cloth) and when he left Carolina I bought his half ownership back for \$25.00. I sold the car when I left school a year later for \$35.00. It was still running O.K.

Minutes of the July 23, 1936 regular meeting. “Several people complained about Rabbi Cohen. They questioned his ability and his neglect of duty and responsibilities were cited.

“Rabbi Cohen replied, that he brought his family here and that he wouldn’t have come here on trial. He said that he was too proud to force himself on congregation. He claims that he was insulted by some one????(no name mentioned). He said the difference in time in New York City has been the reason for his lateness in coming to shul. He requested a reasonable length of time to secure another position as he has too much pride to stay if not wanted. He claims he did not misrepresent himself. He stated that he is a teacher and a shochet. His lateness was not intentional and he will carry on and do his duties as they should be done if given another opportunity.” Several motions were made and finally a motion was made that Rabbi Cohen be given a 30 day notice with a provision that after 30 days he has a right to file his application for this position. It was not a unanimous vote that passed. A Committee was appointed to explain to the Rabbi and a registered letter was to be mailed to him stating the exact words of the motion.

“A committee has been appointed to meet with you Monday night July 27 at 8 p.m. at the Capitol Dept. Store. You are requested to be present and to confer with the committee.” by acting secretary S. M. Fleishman.

From Lillian Elfmon Kent; *“Sam Elfmon accepted an internship in 1936 at Highsmith Hospital with plans to specialize in Eye, Ear, Nose*

and Throat then to train at the Cleveland Clinic. After that year he was offered a Residency at Highsmith so he decided to stay another year. By that time, he had grown to like the life and the friends in Fayetteville. Then Dr. Allgood approached him about going in with him and he did. (Lil makes it a point that their romance may have been an influence.) "

Sam married Lillian Shain the next year. They had two daughters Linda and Shila. Shila is married to Richard Baer who are current members of the congregation. Linda married Joel Fleishman and they opened a men's clothing store in Greensboro. Dr. Sam Elfmon served in the Army during W.W.II and practiced as a family doctor here in Fayetteville until his death.. He was active in civic affairs and was an excellent doctor and a credit to the Jewish community. For more on the Elfmons please see page 304

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 1936. "There were 16 members present. The treasurer's report was that there was \$625.00 in the bank. The report of the committee on meeting with the Rabbi was that the meeting was postponed because of the holiday. They will meet Wednesday afternoon.. A motion was passed to paint the shul at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. A committee was appointed. A motion was passed to bring a cantor here for the High Holidays at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. A committee was appointed. Several motions were made to invite the military, Jews in small town around us, and to have a small sign placed in each of the three leading hotels in town announcing our services. Adjourned. Acting secretary S. M. Fleishman. "

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 1936. Thirteen members were present. The committee reported that they are still looking for a cantor. The painting of the building was finished. They decided to keep the same price for seats for the High Holidays. The interesting motions were; the appointment of five ushers with H. L. Rulnick as head usher, and the authorization to purchase eighteen marzarim (prayer books for the High Holy days) so that the page of the reading could be announced and found by those who were not able to find the recitation in his own prayer book.) and the purchase of two dozen talayzim (prayer shawls), price not to exceed \$1.00 each. They appointed P. Satsky to give them out and keep up with them.. P. Satsky offered the loan of a water cooler during the services. Aliyahs were to be sold from the Beema.

“ A motion that the application of Rabbi Cohen to be Rabbi for the congregation be rejected.” After much discussion the motion to reject, passed. Adjourned G. Stuhl acting secretary.

The meeting of October 10: “ Motions were made thanking all who participated in the High Holy Days services. The election of officers was carried over to a later date because it was eleven p.m. Adjourned by acting secretary George Z. Stuhl.”

“Special meeting for election of officers October 20, 1936 A motion was made that all officers be reelected for another year passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.”

“Then the regular meeting opened at 9:05 p. m. A motion to spend \$50.00 on an affair to thank the officers instead of buying gifts for them Passed. A committee was appointed. Adjourned 10:30 p.m. Dave Shavitz, acting secretary. .”

December 10, 1936 “Regular meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m. by A. M. Fleishman, with the following members present: J. Stein, P. Satsky, Alex Waitman, Mr. Rose, Mr. Ward, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. S. M. Fleishman, Mr. Rosenfeld, and Mr. Weiner. (Note most of the minutes were written in the terse manner as I have copied in many places here. If I have edited them there are no quotation marks. ”

“ Motion was made by Mr. Stein that a man be ordered from the Cantors and Ministers Association of America. (sic this is just how it is written, I have no idea why in December except maybe as a shochet) Seconded by Mr. Satsky., the man to be here from this coming Saturday. “ (December 19, 1936) Motion carried.”

“Motion made by Mr. Rose that a present in the amount of \$5.00 be given the colored man who looks after the shul. Seconded by Mr. Stein. Carried.”

“Motion made by Mr. Stein and seconded by Mr. Satsky , that at the next regular meeting , that \$10.00 be spent for refreshments, and that same be served to the members present. The following were appointed by the chair to get up the program for the said meeting, Mr. S. M. Fleishman, Mr. Weiner, and Mr. J. Stein. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.”

During the 1930 era it became apparent to the community that a large portion of the retail business would be closed for the HIGH HOLY DAYS. Most of the Jewish merchants ran ads notifying the public that their store would be closed in observance of a Religious Holiday. Some of the ads announced closed for ROSH HASHONA or YOMKIPUR. (later we changed the spelling to Yom Kippur.) The Fayetteville Observer called on every Jewish operated business to solicit their ads for those days. Two days for ROSH HASHONA and one for YOMKIPUR

The 1937 city directory gave me all the addresses of the businesses. I have listed them below to show just what a large percentage of the stores downtown were included. There were no shopping centers in the area at that time. One can readily see that it would not really pay to shop downtown on those days. The estimated population of the city was 18,000 in 1937.

Starting at the Market Square

On Person street; going east

101-103 FLEISHMAN, E. & Bros. Dept. store

104 THE HUB Men's Clothing . -- Sam Bridge. Harry Shavitz worked there.

106 THE GLOBE General Mdse. -- Hyman Zall.

108 THE VOGUE Men's clothing -- Sam Fleishman

110 EVANS FURNITURE CO., Inc. Stoves and Furniture. -- Isaac Evans.

121 Standard Electric Shoe Repair Shop -- Morris Goldberg

122 THE PEOPLES STORE General Mdse. -- Alex Waitman

124 Second Hand clothing store Louis A. Ward & Mrs. Minnie Ward

126 ROSENFELD'S FASHION SHOP. -- Isadore Rosenfeld

128 ROSE FRUIT STAND -- Nathan Rose

129 CITY CENTRAL MARKET Grocer & market -- B. Greenberg

132 ZEIGHOUSER Grocer & Market -- Mrs. Dora Zeighouser

134 General Products Co. Beer distributor A. M. Fleishman.

136 Jacob Kronsberg general merchandise

Market Square

S W Corner Doctors Allgood and Samuel L. Elfmon

S E Corner PHILLIPS LOAN OFFICE -- Phillip Satsky & son Harry

Hay Street going west.

102 FLEISHMAN'S BIG STORE Dept. store Operated by Morris &

Nathan Fleishman

107 ED FLEISHMAN & BROS. Men's store Operated by Edward,
 Leon & Maurice Fleishman
 114 FLEISHMAN'S STYLE SHOP Women clothing S. M. & Hannah
 Fleishman.
 126-128 THE CAPITAL DEPT. STORE K. Stein and J. B. Stein
 131 STEIN BROS. Men's store J. Stein
 212 J. L. Fine Women's clothing J. L. Fine
 220 DAVE'S YOUNG MEN'S SHOP Dave Shavitz
 222 THE QUALITY SHOP Woman's clothing H. L. Rulnick
 421 EVANS PAINT CO. Monroe Evans
 465 FLEISHMAN'S OUTLET SHOP Ned Fleishman

I believe that was the peak year for the number of Jewish family owned stores and operations in the city.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the congregation which was held on January 6, 1937 had 20 members present and six had the family name of Fleishman. J. Stein made a motion that the Rabbi should be elected by the month. An Amendment by S.M. Fleishman that election should be by the year on a one year contract with a salary of \$1800.00 per year with an additional allowance of \$200.00 for services during the High Holy Days. After much discussion the amendment was carried 12 to 5. The meeting was adjourned temporarily and refreshments were served.

After speeches by M. Goldberg, J. Stein, and Mr. Fleishman (did not state which one) the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

February 2, 1937 The Meeting was called to order by President A.M. Fleishman at 8:20 p.m.

16 members were present. There was a motion to raise money for the Chest Fund tonight (to be used to distribute funds to Jewish charities and their collectors as they pass through Fayetteville). The motion was tabled. Mr. Weiner and A.M. Fleishman agreed to collect money for the Chest Fund. A motion to contribute \$25.00 from the congregation Chest fund to the flood sufferers passed. (I don't know what flood or where.) The next motion was to give the Rabbi one hour leave from the butcher shop every Wednesday to attend the high school chapel. There was a temporary adjournment for refreshments. Then there was a motion to table the meat discussion until the next meeting. Adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

May 4, 1937 The meeting was called to order by President A.M. Fleishman at 8:30 p.m. with 24 members present. A committee of Alex

Waitman & Leon Fleishman was appointed to determine whether to repair the roof or to install a new roof on the synagogue building. A motion was made and passed that the educational committee meet with the rabbi to work out a solution as to why the children failed to attend the Hebrew school. Then a motion that the president appoint a new committee to confer with the rabbi was passed. The meat committee reported that Mr. Greenberg agreed that he would stop selling meat after hours. A report from Mr. Wiener that \$375.00 in pledges and cash had been raised for the Chest Fund. The Congregation was instructed by the chair that they should refuse to give to any organization that sends any representatives to this community, unless the representative first obtain written permission from Mr. Goldberg or Mr. Waitman who are the Chest committee. A recess was called for refreshments. Mr. Greenberg stated that he was now complying with the meat committee regulations. Mr. Rosenfeld accepted the chair so that Mr. A.M. Fleishman could submit his resignation as president because he did not have time to devote to the matter. A motion by Mr. Rulnick and seconded that the resignation be denied was tabled until the next meeting. A committee of five members was appointed to iron out the difficulties between Mr. Greenberg and A. M. Fleishman and the Hebrew school operation. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. signed by George Z. Stuhl, acting secretary.

The regular meeting of July 13 1937 was called to order by President Fleishman with 13 members present. The report from P. Satsky the treasurer was that, "We are in good shape with \$400.00 on hand. J. Stein reported on the status of the Rabbi. Nothing has been done. J. Stein reported that he had received \$200.00 from the Levine estate. (This was probably Lewis Levin who had operated the hide and junk business). He suggested that the money be invested in good bonds and the motion passed. A motion By H.L. Rulnick to reroof the synagogue was seconded by J. Stein and passed. Mr. Greenberg was also appointed to the building committee. A report that no students are attending Hebrew school was followed by a motion by I. Evans seconded by Alex Waitman to employ a teacher and have Rabbi Hess give \$50.00 per month from his salary toward the cost. A motion to Write Mr. Unger to help us get such a person also passed. A committee was appointed. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 by H. L. Rulnick, Sec.

The regular meeting of August 17, 1937 was called to order with 14 members present. The chairman of the building committee Mr. Greenberg reported that several prices were received for recovering the

roof, but Mr. Atkinson had offered to repair all leaks for \$5.00 and the bill should not be paid until after the first heavy rain with no leaks. The motion passed and the building committee was discharged. The employment of a Hebrew school teacher was put off until after the High Holy Days. A motion was made by H. L. Rulnick that prices for seats be the same as last year. An amendment by J. Stein that certain (no names mentioned here) non-members be charged \$25.00 for seats and a letter sent explaining that they could attend services either by paying a full years regular dues and regular seat prices or the \$25.00. Both amendment and motion passed. Dues \$3.00 Single member, \$5.00 for married member, \$5.00 for single non-member, and \$8.00 for married non-member. The committee to collect for seats to be K. Stein and George Stuhl. The chair appointed Mr. Berman to secure the names of all deceased relatives of members to prepare a memorial plaque. (This assignment became the white marble wall hanging which is now in the hall outside of the small chapel.) The ushers are H.L. Rulnick, Leon Fleishman, Bernard Stein, Harry Satsky, and Harry Stein. A motion that \$5.00 per month be donated to a needy family in Dunn for four months was passed. There was quite a discussion about the non-member ruling. A motion was made to exempt three men from the new ruling. Another vote as called with a tie vote and the president voted that the new ruling should apply to all those specified in the original motion.

The regular meeting of September 22, 1937 was called to order by President Fleishman at 8:30. The treasurers report stated that the balance on hand was \$1,019.27. A vote of thanks to the treasurer passed. A motion to dismiss the committee to employ a Hebrew teacher passed. (I guess that Rabbi Hess decided to teach instead of loosing the \$50.00 per month.) A committee was appointed to visit the delinquent members and report their status at the next meetings. A motion that the names of delinquent members not be read at meetings, passed. A committee was appointed to investigate the ability to pay dues of those people who were not members and who were buying kosher meat from Mr. Greenberg. The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and reopened for election of officers. The slate elected was; J. Stein, president. M. Goldberg, vice president. Nathan Fleishman, treasurer. George Stuhl, secretary.

The meeting September 29, 1937 opened by President A.M. Fleishman. The treasurers report by P. Satsky was received and a committee of H. Satsky and George Stuhl was appointed to audit the records. (son auditing his father ?) Rabbi Haas resigned and offered to teach Hebrew

school for \$100.00 per month. A motion to accept was passed. Then A. M. Fleishman turned the meeting over to the new president J. Stein. A motion to invite Rabbi Holtsman here for a trial was passed. Meeting adjourned signed G. Stuhl, sec.

The Meeting of October 6, 1937 was opened by President J. Stein. Rabbi Haas offered to act as shochet for four days a week at \$20.00 per week. A motion was made to accept and it passed. Then after much discussion there was a call for a revote and the motion was defeated. The president announced new committees. The first named is the chairman.

Building and House committee: Alec Waitman, Leon Fleishman, I. Evans

Education: S.M. Fleishman, Morris Fleishman, Mrs. J. Stein, I. Rosenfeld, M. Weiner

Meat: Henry Fleishman, P. Satsky, J. I. Lessem

Board of Directors: A. M. Fleishman, Ed. Fleishman, H.L. Rulnick, K. Stein, S. D. Bridge.

Community Chest; M. Goldberg, A. Waitman.

Motions to have a banquet, buy two dozen prayer books and 12 chumushim (a copy and translation of the Torah) and a talis for the school passed. They also agreed to allow use of some chairs by the new young Jewish club that was just formed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

A special meeting was held on November 17, 1937 to elect a new rabbi. Rabbi Kaminetsky was elected at a salary of \$2400.00 per year. Then a regular meeting was called into session to pass a motion to buy a heater for the school room to replace the old one.

At the December 29, 1937 meeting a motion was made to purchase the house on the corner of Cool Spring St. and Nimocks Ave. to be used as a parsonage or rabbi's house. After much discussion the motion passed on a vote of 14 for and 5 against. A motion was made and passed to purchase the lot behind the shul for no more than \$400.00. Mrs. K. Stein is to do the negotiating with the owner. The secretary was ordered to send A letter of condolence to Morris Fleishman and his brothers in South Carolina on the death of their father, Max Fleishman. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. G. Stuhl. Sec.

1938 The regular meeting of January 28, 1938 was called to order by J. Stein. Fifteen members were present including a new member, Abe Swartz.

The Chevra Kadisha paid the \$150.00 for the lot at back of the shul. (A copy of the deed for the property is on the next page.) A report was made by the new treasurer, Nathan Fleishman, that the treasury was \$200.00 short to pay bills. There was much discussion and then a motion to borrow \$1,000.00 was passed unanimously.

The purchase of the parsonage was completed. (A copy of the deed for the house on Nimocks Ave. follows the lot deed.) The various things needed to set up house keeping for the new Rabbi B. H. Kaminetsky was discussed. A motion to use the money from the sale of meat that had been going to the school be used to pay for the Rabbi's meat. A motion to reimburse the Rabbi one half of his moving expense here which amounts to one half of \$220.79 or \$110.40. A motion to charge the rabbi \$30.00 per month rental for the house. All passed. J. I. Lessem donated a gas heater for the house and A.M. Fleishman donated a tank to store the gas. Both were thanked.

"The chairman agreed to interview five new applicants for membership.

Adjourned at 11:00 p.m. George Stuhl, sec.

New member. Abe Swartz moved here from Durham, N. C. with his wife Lil Blaustein Swartz and opened "The Fayetteville Iron and Steel Company" which bought up scrap metal. (a junk yard) Later the Blaustein family moved to Fayetteville. Lil's siblings were Dan, Bertie, and Leon. Dan married Abe's sister Rose Swartz, Berdie Blaustein married Aaron Satsky, Leon Blaustein Married Blanche. Later Lil Schwartz's mother and father moved here, the Max Blausteins. They all were active in the Jewish community through the years. Leon became very active in B'nai B'rith and later moved to Wilmington. See family lineage of Satsky, Blaustein, Swartz and Solomon.

February 28, 1938 A new member was present, Bob Machat. The opening discussion again was the meat handling problems. There were misunderstandings between the rabbi and Mr. Greenberg. Mr. Lessem was given full power to act and do what was necessary to get the operational problems solved. A motion was passed that the

educational committee be allowed to spend up to \$1.00 per week or \$50.00 per year "in any way they see fit for the creation of betterment of the school."

EXTRACT FROM THE DEED OF THE LOT BEHIND
THE COOL SPRING STREET BUILDING

Jan 3, 1938

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ROBERT R. WHITEHEAD, o NORTH CAROLINA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY:
 o THIS DEED, Made this the 3rd day of January, A.D., 1938, by and
 o TO
 o K. STEIN, W. E. FLEISHMAN,
 o A. M. FLEISHMAN, TRS.
 o between Margaret R. Whitshend, unmarried of Cumberland County,
 o State of North Carolina, of the first part, and K. Stein, W. E.
 o Fleishman, and A. M. Fleishman, Trustee of the Beth Israel Congregation, of Fayetteville,
 o Cumberland County, and State of North Carolina, of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable considerations, to her paid by the parties of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and, by these presents, does bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, as TRUSTEES OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF FAYETTEVILLE, and their successors in office and assigns, that certain lot or parcel of land, lying and being in Cross Creek Township, Cumberland County, North Carolina, and adjoining the lands of the parties hereto et al., and bounded and more particularly described as follows:

In the City of Fayetteville, on the South side of an alley-way leading westwardly from Cool Spring Street;

BEGINNING at a stake in the Southern margin of an alley, about 95 feet from the Western margin of Cool Spring Street, the same being the Northwest corner of the lot upon which is located the Synagogue of Beth Israel Congregation, (see deed registered in Book #257) and running thence with the Southern margin of said alley, North 69° West 54 feet to the Eastern line of a lot formerly known as McMillen or Gardner's lot; thence South 21° West with the line of that lot and parallel to the western margin of Cool Spring Street, 97 feet to a stake in said line; thence South 69° East 54 feet to a stake at the southwest corner of the Synagogue lot of the Beth Israel Congregation above referred to; thence with the western line of that lot, North 21° East parallel with Cool Spring Street, 97 feet to the beginning.

Being the lot lying immediately West of the Synagogue lot of the Beth Israel Congregation, and being a part of that lot of land described in a deed from W. S. Cook and wife, to Janet D. Whitehead, William B. Whitehead, and Margaret R. Whitehead, dated May 22nd, 1884, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, North Carolina, in Book "Y" #4, page 478.

See also deeds registered in Book "S" #3, page 18, and Book "M" #3, page 551.

Janet D. Whitehead and William B. Whitehead, the sister and brother of the party of the first part died intestate, and without issue; and the party of the first part is their sole surviving heir-at-law, and now owns said property in fee simple.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described lot or parcel of land, and all of the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the said parties of the second part as Trustees, and their successors in office and assigns, to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said party of the first part, for herself, and her heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, covenants to and with the said parties of the second part, as Trustees, and their successors in office and assigns, that she is seized of said premises in fee, and has the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear of all encumbrances, and that she does hereby forever warrant and will forever defend the said title to the said property, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

EXTRACT FROM THE DEED OF THE HOUSE ON NIMOCKS
AVE

Jan. 19, 1938

hereby acknowledged, does grant, bargain, sell convey and conform unto the said parties of the second part, their successors, and assigns, the following described real estate situate, lying and being in the County of Cumberland, State of North Carolina, particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the Northern margin of Nimook Avenue with the Western margin of Cool Spring Street, and running thence as the Western margin of Cook Spring Street North 22 degree 35 minutes East 90 feet to a stake; thence North 67 degrees 25 minutes West 57 feet to a stake; thence South 22 degrees 35 minutes West 90 feet to the Northern margin of Nimooke Avenue; thence as the Northern margin of Nimooks Avenue South 67 degree 25 minutes East 57 feet to the beginning. Said Lot being a portion of the 5th and 6th tracts described in a deed from Q.X. Nimooks, Commissioner, to D.G. McKethan, Book 283, Page 524, Cumberland Registry, the aforesaid 5th & 6th tracts being designated as Lots Nos. 48 and 49 of the M.C. Nimooks land as shown in Book of Plats 8-7, Page 53a, Cumberland Registry., and being the same property conveyed to General Realty Company by Keswich Corporation, Substituted Trustee, by Deed dated July 7, 1937, recorded in Book 399, Page 241, Registry of Cumberland County.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all restrictions, covenants, easements and limitations of record.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises, with all privilege and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns forever.

It was announced that The United Palestine Appeal drive will be held on March 8, 1938. The committee appointed was K. Stein, S.M. Fleishman, Sam Bridge, Ed Fleishman, and J. I. Lessem. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Bob Machat worked with his relatives the Steins at the Capitol Dept. Store for a short while. Then he opened a music store on Anderson Street. He sold all kinds of musical instruments. He could play many of them, and he was an excellent accordion player. He formed a dance band with his accordion as the lead instrument. I played the drums and sang once in a while to help out our regular singer during the years from 1938 to about 1942. We all enjoyed playing and we made an extra dollar or two, which we all could use.

March 28, 1938 The treasurer reported that \$100.00 of the loan had been repaid. The discussion of the meat situation became such that a new committee was appointed to help Mr. Lessem settle the differences. A report that a Purim play was presented at the senior high school "with glowing reports" resulted in a motion to send a letter of appreciation to the rabbi for the effort. A motion that \$10.00 be sent to Austrian Jews so that they could buy Kosher meat was amended up to \$12.50 and it passed. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 pm.

May 25, 1938 The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by J. Stein with 11 members and five ladies present. A report by S. M. Fleishman that the attendance at the Hebrew school and the Sunday school was good. J.I. Lessem reported that the meat situation was satisfactory. The ladies were a committee from The Ladies Aid Society led by Mrs. H. L. Satsky (the former Fanny Fleishman) requesting permission to place a memorial tablet in the front lobby of the shul. The memorial to be donated by Mrs. J. Stein. (I understand that Mrs. Stein's father J. Berman carved the names on the marble listing the deceased relatives of the group.) There was considerable discussion but of course permission was granted to install the memorial. (The white marble table was removed from the old shul and now hangs on the wall outside the small sanctuary in the present Beth Israel building.) A motion was passed to repay the \$100.00 that was borrowed from the Ladies Aid Society. The meeting Adjourned at 10:30 pm.

The newspaper announced the new group of people who "Opened their License to practice law in Fayetteville" Included was Harry Binder Stein. Harry had his office upstairs over Stein Bros. Men's store. For several years he was appointed as the Attorney for the City of Fayetteville. He was a nice fellow. I never heard anyone say anything but good things about him.

A special meeting was called on June 6, 1938 because "too many of the cattle that were slaughtered by Mr. Greenberg were declared 'traif' (not kosher) by the Rabbi. J. Stein and A. M. Fleishman were appointed to notify Mr. Greenberg that he was on two weeks notice.

A regular meeting on August 17th, 1938 was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the president J. Stein. 12 members present. J. I. Lessem reported that the meat situation was now satisfactory. Most of the rest of the meeting was devoted to the annual preparations for the High Holy Days.

In the "good and welfare" part of the meeting the meat situation was brought up. Several of the members were dissatisfied and felt that the friction was still there. After a lengthy discussion it was ordered that the meat be removed from the butcher and we get a new one. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.

October 11, 1938 A special meeting was called for the election of officers. A report from the treasurer listed the Bank balance at the beginning of the year at \$805.48, Bank deposits for the year were \$6870.51. Total cash handled \$ 7675.99 with expenses for the year of \$6801.67 and a balance in bank on 10/11/1938 of \$874.32. "A rising vote of thanks was extended to the treasurer for his great work." Nominations for president was declined by two people then J. Stein was reelected by acclamation. Five nominations for vice president were declined but they talked the fifth, Henry Fleishman, into taking the office. Three nominations for treasurer were declined and they finally urged the present treasurer Nathan Fleishman to take it for another year. George Stuhl agreed and was reelected for secretary. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

October 27, 1938 "Letters of thanks were received from the following organizations for the High Holy Day contributions from Beth Israel.

N C Association of Men & Women	14 memberships
H I A S	\$ 75.00
Golden Book	\$ 25.00

American ORT Federation	\$ 50.00
New York Yeshiva College	\$ 75.00
Palestine Emergency Fund	\$ 50.00

Motions thanking members for their services usually "with a rising vote of thanks" were passed. The rabbi was reelected for another year at the same salary. "The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p. m. signed by H. L. Rulnick sec. Pro Tem." (That's how the minutes were written)

January 4, 1939 Meeting called to order by president J. Stein with 10 members present at 8:30 pm. Report from the education committee that more children are attending and that class attendance are at 100 per cent. The report on the meat committee was good, No problems, but the new butcher asked for a three cent per pound raise in prices. The raise was approved.

On February 21, 1939 a charter was granted to form a B'nai B'rith chapter here in Fayetteville. The lodge number is # 1346. After Albert Stein Dembo was killed in WW II the name of the lodge was changed to "Albert Stein Dembo Lodge # 1346" A list of the charter members follows and you will notice that there are a number of members from the towns near by. Also an interesting record is that the total number of charter members was 48 and in October of 1939 there were 38 members of Beth Israel Congregation.

The high lights of the next few meetings were that the treasurer was not able to pay bills and the dues were raised by all who could. There was an effort to organize a committee to build a center for the congregation. The United Palestine appeal goal for this year was \$1,500.00 and non Jews were invited to contribute.

The treasurer continued to have problems paying bills. The congregation voted not to hire a paid chason for the High Holy Days, but someone from the yeshiva showed up and he chanted the services. The minutes do not show who paid this cost. The treasurer did not.

October 3, 1939 meeting.

Election of officers followed the usual people being nominated and then declining.

Officers elected were	President	Ed. Fleishman
	Vice President	Abe M. Swartz
	Secretary	Dr. S. L. Elfmon
	Treasurer	Aaron Satsky

The congregation reelected the rabbi at the same salary (\$2400.00) for another year. They did remove his allowance of free meat. So it was a reduction after all.

This page is reserved for the list of charter members of B'nai
B'rith

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS OF B'NAI B'RITH FEBRUARY 21, 1939

CHARTER MEMBERS OF B'NAI B'RITH			
CHARTERED FEBRUARY 21, 1939			
CHAPTER # 1346			
#	FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME	WIFE if known
1	ANNHEIM	WILLIAM	
2	BLAUSTEIN	LEON	BLANCHE
3	BRIDGE	SAM D.	FANNIE
4	DUNIE	JACOB	
5	COBLENZ	Dr. F. F.	FLORENCE
6	ELFMON	Dr. SAM	LILLIAN
7	FLEISHMAN	A. M.	RUTH
8	FLEISHMAN	BERNARD	EVELYNE ROSE
9	FLEISHMAN	EDWIN	MINNIE
10	FLEISHMAN	HENRY	DOROTHY
11	FLEISHMAN	LEON	ESTA
12	FLEISHMAN	MAURICE	DOT
13	FLEISHMAN	S. M.	HANNAH
14	FLEISHMAN	SAMUEL	FAYE
15	FLEISHMAN	W. ED	DORA
16	GARTNER	CHARLES	
17	GINSBERG	ELI	LILLIAN
18	GOLDBERG	JACK	IDA
19	GOLDBERG	MORRIS	CELIA
20	GREEN	LOUIS	SYBIL
21	GREENBERG	BENJAMIN	
22	HARRIS	MELVIN	GLADYS (Stein)
23	KAMINETZKY	Rabbi B.H.	
24	KESSLER	N. D.	
25	KRONBERG	EDDIE	MURIEL
26	LEVINSON	MILTON	
27	LOBATZ	OTTO	
28	MANN	ISRAEL	
29	MARGOLIS	MATTHEW	BESSIE
30	PEARLSON	WILLIAM	
31	ROSENFELD	ISADORE	RIVKA
32	RULNICK	H. L.	FLORA
33	SATISKY	AARON	BERDIE
34	SATISKY	HARRY	FANNY
35	SCHAIMAN	MENDEL	
36	SHAVITZ	DAVID	Ruth & CELIA
37	SUGAR	JOSEPH	ANNE
38	SUGAR	EMANUEL	EVELYNE
39	STEIN	BERNARD	HERLYN
40	STEIN	HARRY	FRANCES
41	STEIN	JACOB	Yetta
42	STEIN	KALMAN	FANNIE
43	STUHL	GEORGE	EDITH
44	SWARTZ	ABE	LIL
45	WEINSTEIN	Dr. M	
46	WEINSTEIN	MAX	
47	WEINSTEIN	Dr. R	
48	WEINSTEIN	ROBERT	

The meeting of October 17 1939 was a called meeting to appoint committees for the year. Called to order by president Ed. Fleishman at 8:15 p.m.

1. Budget committee; J. Stein, chairman, S.L. Elfmon, A. M. Fleishman, and A. Satsky. Duties to present a tentative budget with approximate income estimate so that the two will balance”
2. Community Federation Committee; M. Goldberg, Alex Waitman.
3. Education Committee; a. Two ladies from the Ladies Aid Society,
and b. Leon Fleishman. Duties to meet and formulate plans for the coming year to be approved by the congregation. The ladies are to be requested by letter to cooperate.
4. Meat Committee; Alex Waitman, Edwin Fleishman.
5. House committee; Sam Bridge, A.M. Swartz, A. M. Fleishman.
6. Executive Committee: J. Stein, K. Stein, M. Goldberg, Edwin Fleishman, S. D. Bridge, Leon Fleishman.

Continuing the October 17, 1939 meeting;

“The following bills were authorized to be paid;

\$1.25 to be paid to George Stuhl for stationary

\$ 10.00 to the Raleigh rabbi for a trip here in the absence of our rabbi. “The meeting was Adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted by S. L. Elfmon, Sec.”

November 16, 1939 Called to order at 8:10 p.m. The minutes were read and approved. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss balancing the budget:

“The budget as presented by J. Stein; Expenses for year \$3000.00 and income for the year as of today would be \$2700.00 ---A deficiency of \$300.00. (They don’t match, but that is the way the minutes read.)

Expenses:	2400.00	Rabbi
	100.00	Janitor
	100.00	Electricity
	100.00	Chador (school)
	150.00	Building and Loan Insurance

	100.00	Repairs
TOTAL	\$2,950.00	
Income	1800.00	Dues
	200.00	Meat
	600.00	Donations and seats
TOTAL	\$2,600.00	

“There are 38 member (couples, widows and singles) units of the congregation. Discussion followed concerning various ways to raise money. Meeting adjourned . Respectfully submitted

S. L. Elfmon, Sec “

To give the reader a further insight into the relative cost of things and the value of money at that time, Mildred and I bought a five room house with a full bathroom and a floor furnace at 115 John Street in 1938 for \$1,750.00. The down payment including closing costs was \$17.50 and the monthly payment was \$17.50. That monthly payment included principle, interest, property taxes, and insurance. The maximum interest rate that could be charged on anything was six percent. More than that was illegal. Just consider that the janitor was to receive less than \$2.00 per week. Fifty two weeks at one hundred dollars a year. The same amount allowed for the electric and water cost. The best cuts of kosher meat cost about thirty cents a pound so the three cents a pound increase was probably more than ten percent.

This page reserved for a list of the member's businesses in 1940

List of Businesses

Family Names	circa 1930-35		M. Evans
These are from my Memory and there may be errors			
NAME	1st NAMES	Name of Business	LOCATION
Baer	Eli & Gertrude	ELI BAER & SONS	DUNN, Furn. & Appl.
Baer	Louis & Sadie	Louis Baer Dept. store	Dunn
Blaustein	Max & Ida	retired	
Blaustein	Leon & Blanch	worked with Abe Swartz	Blount St.
Blaustein	Dan & Rose	worked with Abe Swartz	Blount St.
Bridge	Sam D. & Fannie	THE HUB	Person ST.
Coblentz	Phillip & Florence	Pedestrist (Dr.)	
Evans	Isaac & Sarah	EVANS FURN. CO.	Person ST.
Fabricant	Jimmy	Meisels Furn. Co.	Person ST.
Fleishman	Hyman & Ida	H FLEISHMAN	Person ST.
Fleishman	Ed. & Dora	ED Fleishman & Bros.	HAY ST.
Fleishman	Morris & Dorothy &	FLEISHMAN'S BIG STORE	HAY ST.
Fleishman	S. M. & Hannah	FLEISHMAN'S STYLE SHOP	HAY ST.
Fleishman	Dave & Anna	Fleishman's Dept. Store	Clinton
Fleishman	Edwin & Minnie	Big store & retired	Person ST.
Fleishman	Sam D. & Faye	Ned's	Person ST.
Greenberg	B	CITY CENTRAL MARKET	Person ST.
Goldberg	Morris & Molly	CITY SHOE SHOP	Person ST.
Kerble	Max & Ida	CLOTHING	Person ST.
Kerble	Dan E & Herman	CLOTHING	Person ST.
Kertzman	William & Leah	K P Grocery	Person ST.
Kessler	Nathan	Jewelry store	HAY ST.
Kronsberg	Jacob & Fannie	CLOTHING	Person ST.
Lacob	Meyer J.	NOTIONS	WORTH STREET
Lazarus	Jack	DRUG STORE	SANFORD
Leder	Joe & Ruth	Leder's dept. store	Clinton
Lefkowitz	Pete	Jewelry store	HAY ST.
Lessem	J. I. & Yette	LESSEM SALVAGE	HAY ST.
Levin	Louis	HIDES	Sold to J.I. Lessem
Mann	Israel	CLOTHING	RAEFORD
Margolis	Matthew & Bessie	Clothing	ST PAULS
Meiselman		Miracle Theater	Person ST.
Meisels	Harris & Rachel	FURNITURE	Person ST.
Newman	?	CLOTHING	Person ST.
Pankin		K P Grocery	Person ST.
Rose	Nathan & Frieda	ROSE'S FRUITS & GROCE	Person ST.
Rosenfeld	Isadore & Revka	THE QUALITY SHOP	Person ST.
Ruinick	Harry I. & Flora	THE QUALITY SHOP	Person ST.
Satisfy	Phillip & Fraida	PHILLIPS LOAN OFFICE	MARKET SQUARE
Satisfy	Harery & Fanny	PHILLIPS LOAN OFFICE	MARKET SQUARE
Satisfy	Aaron & Berdie	Aarons Pawn Shop	Person ST.
Shavitz	Harry	THE HUB	Person ST.
Sugar	Leon & Mickey	Sugars mens store	Bough Stein Bros
Sugar	Joe & Annie	Sugars mens store	St. Pauls
Stein	Jacob & Yetta	STEIN BROS.	HAY ST.
Stein	Kaiman & Fannie	THE CAPITAL	MARKET SQ & HAY
Swartz	Abe & Lillian	Fayetteville Scrap Iron	Blount St.
Tannenbaum	Isadore	SILK MILL	ROBESON ST.
Waitman	Alex & Ida	THE PEOPLES STORE	Person ST.
Ward	Louis &	second hand clothing	Person ST.
Zeighauser	Joe & Dora	ZEIGHOUSER'S GROCER	Person ST.
Zall	Hyman & Dora	THE GLOBE	Person ST.

Meeting of January 25th 1940

A motion was made and passed to set the second Tuesday of every month as the regular meeting night. A motion "that notices be mailed to each member whose dues have been raised, informing them that if they have any objections, they can voice their opinion at the next regular meeting was Passed unanimously. A motion that the banquet for past officers be set for sometime in February, preferably February the 22, at the price of seventy five cents per plate passed. Mr. Bob Machat's application for membership was accepted at \$ 2.50 per month by a unanimous vote. A motion that the house committee take care of repairing the Rabbi's house and the Synagogue floor passed. The Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm."

The board meetings continued to address the same problems. Dues were hard to collect and the amount just wasn't quiet enough. The problems with the school were either with the parents or the children. Constant discussions were necessary.

A special meeting was called for on May 15, 1940, " For the purpose of bringing up any business for the good of the congregation."

May 15, 1940. Treasurer's report, "There is \$5.00 in the bank and we need \$250.00 to pay this month's bills and money is needed for carpeting." . There was some discussion about borrowing the money from the Ladies Aid Society or the Chevra Kadisha. Money was also needed for the community fund. The solution in each case was to appoint a committee to collect the necessary funds. "Adjourned."

(comment) Major efforts are always needed to finance the needs and wants and even the dreams of the congregation. The minutes constantly reflect the need for money and ideas to raise the funds needed. I think that the effort to raise money is a major force toward promoting individual participation and community togetherness. It probably strengthens the attachment to our religion to have the responsibility to finance it's operation.

The meeting of September 5, 1940 was called to order by president Ed. Fleishman at 8:25 pm. A motion that single seats should be sold for \$5.00 and family seats for \$10.00 was passed. Another new member, Lt. Forb, was accepted with dues of \$2.50 per month. A motion to bring in an outside speaker for the High Holy Days was defeated. But! A motion not to auction off the aliyahs during the holidays was passed. Adjourned at 11:00 p.m. S.M. Fleishman, acting secretary.

A special meeting to elect a rabbi for the coming year produced a vote of 17 to re-elect and 12 against. The next motion was to make it unanimous and that carried. Someone wanted to reduce the Rabbi's salary, but that did not pass, so the salary is to remain the same, \$2400.00 per year. J. Stein, acting secretary.

At the October 30, 1940 meeting there were 14 people present of which 8 were Fleishman. Officers elected for the coming year were;

President W. Ed Fleishman

Vice president I. Rosenfeld

Treasurer Aaron Satsisky

Secretary Harry Stein

Each was the only nominee, so all were elected unanimously. The treasurer, Aaron Satsisky, stated that there was enough money in the bank to pay the \$350.00 note when it becomes due. A motion to pay it in full passed. Nathan Fleishman, acting secretary.

November 26, 1940 meeting. Differences between the Rabbi and the butcher were settled. A committee was appointed to "formulate rules and regulation about duties of the rabbi. The congregation was informed that, "Enlisted men in the area are being invited to a Social Gathering on Dec 1, 1940 at 3 p.m. in cooperation with the Jewish Welfare Board. Donations for HIAS and the Yeshiva College amounted to \$223.00 of which \$100.00 was to go the Yeshiva and the balance to HIAS. M. Goldberg suggested that money should be sent directly to the institutions and no money should be paid to traveling collectors. (It was implied that most of the money given was spent on the traveling expenses of the collectors and did not get to the charity.) S.M. Fleishman acting sec.

On February 25, 1941 the meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Ed Fleishman. A new member Mr. Kertzman was welcomed. Present as guests were listed as Mr. Greenberg, Bertram Fleishman, Lt. Collins, Sonny Rosenfeld, and Herbert Fleishman. I Rosenfeld reported that the differences between the Rabbi and the butcher "have been settled."

A motion to have one drive to raise funds for all Jewish charities was passed. A motion was made to build a community center at once, providing we receive sufficient help from the Jewish Welfare Board subject to proper local arrangements was also passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

There were a number of Jewish men who were now stationed at Fort Bragg and the Jewish Welfare Board was surveying the area along with the U S O to prepare recreational activities for off duty personnel.

The June 24, 1941 meeting was called to order with 8 members present A.M. Fleishman reported that we have changed to a new butcher, Mr. Tolbert, who has agreed to prices satisfactory to the committee. There was discussion about building a center. A. M. Fleishman was instructed to contact architects and contractors and present figures as soon as possible. There was a suggestion that we should solicit personal pledges to be paid on a five year plan. The meeting closed at 10:20. H. L. Rulnick Secretary

August 7, 1941 (The minutes had been typed up to this point . Now they were all handwritten until September 1944. And were signed Dr. F. F. Coblenz , acting secretary then later as secretary. Phil Coblenz moved here to practice as a podiatrist (treatment of disorders of the feet) He became ill and was confined to a wheel chair. The treasurer's report showed that the total amount received for the past year was \$2,710.61 and the amount paid out was \$ 2,740.77. Balance in the bank on 8/1/41 was \$19.41 Another new member showed up on the roster of members present. Lou Green, who had moved to Fayetteville to manage a credit Jewelry store, "The Jewell Box".

The officers for 1941-42. were

President.	I ROSENFELD
Vice President	LEON FLEISHMAN
Secretary	DR. F. F. COBLENZ
Treasurer	MONROE EVANS

The reelection of the rabbi was very difficult because they could not get together on the amount of his salary. The first meeting ended with no decision, then a motion to set his salary at \$1800.00 per year and to pay him \$50.00 per month for six months as a bonus. That motion passed with 13 for and 10 against. A motion was passed to bring three ordained rabbis to our pulpit during the next year to conduct SHABBOT services and give us a good sermon at a cost of \$200.00 each or \$600.00 total. Up until this point our rabbis had been shochets and none of them were ordained.

December 1, 1941 The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the USA was in world war two. The activity at Fort Bragg picked up and we began to

have many men in service come to our services. I well remember that at each Friday night service A.M. Fleishman asked for all people in the military to stand up and then he assigned each one to have the evening meal with a member of the congregation. Many of our members would take several soldiers for Shabbat even if they had to sleep on the floor in their home, in order to give them a couple of good meals. During the War years we had seating problems because of the number of Jews in the army who came to services. The ones who came to Friday night services were almost always invited to a meal with some family.

New potential members were listed and welcomed as of October 28 1942. They were; Jack Fox, Leon Blaustein, Jack Tesler, Julius Dobbin, Leon Sykes, Moe Harris Sam Cheplow, Bennie Dembo, Harry Shavitz, Oscar Vatz, Irvin Fleishman, Sidney Slauson, Harold Tonkel, and Leo Margolis . The minutes state, "Now all that is necessary to be an equal and a member of Beth Israel Congregation is the paying of Dues."

At the Nov. 25, 1942 meeting there were 25 applications to fill our job of ordained Rabbi.

Rabbi Shulson, was our first ordained Rabbi. He was welcomed by the board at the May 1943 meeting. His first suggestion was that we form a federation and collect for all charities in one drive. The members thought that was a good idea and the president appointed a committee to put the idea in motion. A motion to allow out of town people to become members at \$4.00 per month was passed. As soon as that passed, a motion to invite Eli Baer and Herman Hockfield of Dunn, N.C. to join was passed. New members present were Joe Barr and Pete Leftkovitz

On June 2, 1943 We employed Rabbi Silver, a brother-in-law of the rabbi in Wilmington, to be our shochet. Now we had two rabbis. This meeting was to determine the responsibility of each rabbi. The discussion must have been quite interesting it went on for a couple of hours. Again a committee was appointed to work with the two men to keep harmony.

During 1943 we had many people who came to Fayetteville because of the military activity. Fort Bragg became a training base and an assembly area. Pope Air Force base right next door to Bragg allowed training for the parachute troops and for air borne supply. The increase in personnel in the military required more buildings therefore the

construction explosion that had started in 1940 continued at a rapid rate. Fayetteville was growing very fast. The facilities of local government were trying to handle the increased demands, but it was a rough time.

The next few meetings mostly continued dialogue about the school. The meat committee reported no problems.

On October 19, 1943 officers for 1944 were elected.

President S. M. Fleishman

Vice President Sam Bridge

And something new 1st Vice President A. M. Fleishman

Secretary Dr. F. F. Coblenz

The election of a treasurer was put off until the first of next year.

After the opening formalities on Dec 9, 1943, "A letter from Mrs. Birdie Satsky, chairman of the Parent Teachers committee was read to the board, which stated; Resolved; that the Board of Education committee of the Beth Israel Congregation and the Parent Teachers committee of the Hebrew Ladies Aid, be allowed to decide all matters pertaining to the conduct of the Hebrew and Sunday school to be able to work in conjunction thereby."

The resolution was passed unanimously. A motion to form a federation for charities with the first goal to be \$10,000.00 was passed and a federation committee was appointed. A motion to give \$100.00 as a gift of appreciation to Rabbi Shulson for his participation in the High Holy Day services. Passed. A motion to raise the wages of Rabbi Silver \$25.00 per month for six months beginning Dec. 1, 1943. Passed. A motion that all the men of our congregation in the armed forces be given an honorary membership for the duration of the war, passed. (The financial position of the congregation was in good shape.)

Monroe Evans was elected treasurer. This election had been put off because there had been a notice that Married men with children may now be drafted to serve in the armed services. I had been assigned a pretty high draft number and would not accept the treasurer's job on the regular election night because I might not be available. Now I did. A few months later I went to the chairman of my draft board and asked him if it would be possible to be given sixty days notice of my expected call up time. The next week I got my notice. I went to basic infantry training, then was assigned to the medics and was trained as an X-ray technician. I got a free trip around the world. I left from Marysville, California in a troop ship that stopped to load supplies in Australia and

then on to Calcutta, India. I was assigned to the 14th Evacuation Hospital which was stationed in the jungle near the border of Burma for twenty months. After the war was over I boarded the troop ship General Black in Calcutta, India which was routed through the Suez Canal to New York City. An interesting fact. There was a sign with three directional signs near our ambulance area in India (which is now Pakistan.) Each sign read "New York City 12,000 miles." One pointed east, one pointed west and one pointed north. The distances were approximately correct.

A USO building had been built on Winslow street as a recreation building for soldiers. The next meeting of the congregation was held there on January 5, 1944 with the Hebrew Ladies Aid society members and with the new directors of the building. There was great joy at the completion of the much needed facility. The quota for the United Jewish Appeal was \$6000.00 that year with a banquet date set for May sixth.

At the March 14, 1944 meeting both rabbis were hired for another year. Both rabbis requested more money. The membership voted for salaries to remain the same. A motion to join " The Union of Orthodox Congregations" Passed.

In August Rabbi Shulson gave notice that he was leaving right away. This messed up the plans for the High Holy Day services. A. M. Fleishman was authorized to made arrangements to get a Rabbi from the Yeshiva to be our cantor and really to do everything to make the services proper. The membership voted to charge \$5.00 for seats and to sell the aliyahs.

October 10, 1944 The officers elected for the year 1945 were;

President	S. M. Fleishman
Vice President	M. Goldberg
Second Vice President	A. M. Fleishman
Secretary	Bernard Fleishman
Financial Secretary	Leon Sykes
Treasurer	M. Lessem

May 11, 1944 The Chevra Kadisha purchased a deed for the "the EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL for certain property in the Cross Creek Cemetery. The Chevra Kadisha will proceed to build walls around the area and will preserve the rites of Judaism in the new Hebrew Beth Israel Cemetery." A extract from the deed is on the next page.

An extract from the deed to the cemetery purchased May 11, 1944.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: THAT, for and in CONSIDERATION of the sum of ONE (\$100.00) DOLLARS, and other good and valuable considerations to it paid, and the COVENANT that all assessments shall be paid regularly, and subject to all of the conditions and limitations, rules and regulations, now or hereafter adopted by the COMMISSION, its successors or assigns, or by such CEMETERY AUTHORITIES as may hereafter acquire control or supervision of the CROSS CREEK CEMETERY, or which may hereafter be lawfully PRESCRIBED therefor, the CROSS CREEK CEMETERY COMMISSION, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with its principal office in FAYETTEVILLE, in said STATE, hereby GIVES AND GRANTS unto S. M. FLEISHMAN, CHAIRMAN, EDWARD FLEISHMAN, I. ROSENFELD, BERNARD STEIN, HARRY STEIN, M. GOLDBERG, MORRIS FLEISHMAN, SAM BRIDGE, AND A. M. FLEISHMAN, constituting the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, and their successors in office, the EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL, for the white members, of the HEBREW RACE, to be named by the said TRUSTEES, or other proper authorities of the BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, in and upon those certain lots or parcels of land, in the CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, described and designated on the PLAN OF THE CROSS CREEK CEMETERY known as NUMBER THREE of said Cemetery, as per plat registered in the Office of the REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, in BOOK OF PLATS "S" #9, page 46-A, as LOTS NO. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in BLOCK 85; Lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in BLOCK #94; LOTS NO. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in BLOCK # 103; and LOTS No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in BLOCK #112; each of said lots measuring 18 feet by 20 feet.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE SAID CROSS CREEK CEMETERY COMMISSION has caused these presents to be signed in its name, by its CHAIRMAN, CHARLES G. ROSE, attested by C. L. JONES, its SECRETARY, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, this the 11th day of May, A. D., 1944.

January 1945 There were 27 members present for the meeting. The search for a rabbi continued. They passed a motion to advertise an opening salary of \$3,500.00 per year. They discussed paying the shochet, Rabbi Silver, an additional \$25.00 per month to teach Hebrew school. A letter of thanks was to be sent to Mike Malkin who was a director of the USO here. He made arrangements for the use of a room for the congregation to hold Sunday school, a Chanukah program and meetings as needed.

August 1, 1945 Rabbi Abraham Bengist was elected the new Rabbi at \$4,000.00 per year. (He did not accept and they continued to look.) They agreed that The High Holy Day seat price would be the same as last year and the aliyahs are to be auctioned off as usual. M. Lessem resigned as treasurer and Max Blaustein was elected to finish his term.

Sept. 27, 1945 All the officers were reelected for another year. "Sam Shavitz gave a talk on how High Point conducts their services and how they acquired a rabbi. "Due to the worst flood in the history of Fayetteville, services for Succoth were unable to be held in our synagogue." (The water covered the whole area of Cool Spring street several feet deep. I was shown pictures of the water over half way up the hill on Person Street where the court house is now located. I was still in the Army.) " Services were held at the Winslow street USO where a succa had been erected. The director of the USO, PAUL Guerin was largely responsible for the arrangements." A motion was made to pay Rabbi Slavin, who was filling our shochet position an extra \$100.00 for his additional services during the High Holidays.

Oct. 14, 1945 A motion made by H.L. Rulnick , seconded by Edwin Fleishman that Bernard Rose, just back home after discharge from the army, be given the full support of the congregation in handling the kosher meat. A motion to give a homecoming party for our returning service men passed. A motion to invite two prospective rabbis to come for week end trials and interviews also passed.

June 3, 1946 Rabbi Nathan Kohan was elected to be our rabbi at a salary of \$5,000.00 per year. A committee of five men was appointed to secure a house for him. The treasurer M. Blaustein resigned but they talked him into keeping the job to the end of the year.

Sept. 4, 1946 Rabbi Kohan did not show up on Sept. 1st as promised. A motion was made and passed to call him and find out his intentions.

A.M. Fleishman was given the authority to make arrangements for the High Holy Days if necessary. (Rabbi Kohen finally showed up two weeks late.) Rabbi Slavin's salary was increased to \$3,000.00 per year. A motion to raise the price of seats to \$20.00 for married men did not pass.

October 15, 1946 Thirty members were present. A motion made to add a gold star to our flag in honor of the memory of Sgt. Arnold I. Bernstein and a letter be sent to his wife Mrs. Minnie Bernstein. The Bernsteins lived at Spring lake and were not members of the congregation. They had two daughters who intermarried. They were nice people. "A rising vote of thanks was given to M. Goldberg, B. Greenberg, Rabbi Slavin, Rabbi Kohen, and the arrangements committee for their services during the Holidays

Elections for the new year were

President;	H. L. Rulnick
Vice President;	Henry Fleishman
Secretary;	Irvin Fleishman
Treasurer	M. Blaustein

A motion to buy a piano was made and passed. A committee was appointed to 'find out' about one.

At the November 12, 1946 meeting the meat committee reported that our meat prices were very high. A motion to place an ad in an appropriate Jewish paper for a butcher and delicatessen operator passed.

Doris Dlugin Rulnick writes that she was born in 1926 in Wilmington, NC and married Harry Vinokur in 1945 and moved to Fayetteville in 1946 after the war and after Harry's discharge from the Navy. Doris is my wife Mildred's sister. Harry changed his last name to Rulnick soon after he went to work with his step-father in the credit clothing business. Our three daughters attended Beth Israel religious school and the Fayetteville city schools. I enrolled at Methodist college the year it opened here in Fayetteville and graduated in 1965 with a BA and a major in French. (She went to summer school at the Sorbonne in Paris France to perfect her pronunciation.) I taught French in the Fayetteville Public Schools for seventeen years. I was president of Hadassah from 1961-1963. (and she has been most active in service to the sisterhood and the congregation throughout all of her years living here.) I have served on the board of the Urban Ministry and am now serving on the board of The Friends of the Cumberland County Public Library.

January 8, 1947 The executive committee reported that Rabbi Slavin Had requested permission to go to Lumberton three times a week for "religious and educational benefits" for Lumberton. A motion was passed that in the future all Chanukah candles should be purchased and distributed by the shul. Max Blaustein resigned as treasurer and Joe Barr was elected with I. Evans as assistant.

March 12, 1947 A motion to buy a proper heating system for the shul passed because the Sunday school was meeting at the USO because of no heat in the shul (synagogue). Irvin Fleishman tendered his resignation as secretary and Sam Cheplow was appointed by the chair to fill out the term. A motion was made and passed not to give Rabbi Slavin a new contract.

April 1947 The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. The treasurer, Joe Barr, reported \$5,686.55 on hand. He thanked the members for their cooperation by paying their dues. He announced some new members; M. Margolis of St. Pauls, Joe Leder of Clinton, and Abe Brooks of Warsaw, N. C. The education committee reported dissatisfaction with the operation of the schools. A motion was made and passed for the executive committee to sit down with the two rabbis, Rabbi Slavin and Rabbi Kohan to determine the duties of each.

I received a note from Ruth Leder stating that she and her husband, Joe, sat down and computed that the trips between Clinton and Fayetteville for the Hebrew school classes and for bar mitzvah training for their son Martin totaled approximately 75,000 miles. Yes, that figure is seventy five thousand miles. I did not think that could be right so I got out my calculator and yes it looks ok to me. This is an interesting thing about being a Jew. We do things that we should and really do not consider the effort. Ruth is still a member in 2001 although she lives in Raleigh.

May 14, 1947 The executive committee reported back that "Rabbi Slavin asked for a yearly salary of \$4,000.00 and free rent. If this is not approved he will terminate his duties." The request was voted down.

I. Evans and M. Goldberg met with Rabbi Kohan about his laxity in teaching Hebrew school. He agreed to lengthen his classes. Mr. Greenberg reported that he had attended the classes and that, "The classes are being taught meagerly."

Joe Barr reported that we will now get our meat at Dowd's meat market on Thursdays. The prices will be posted for all to see.

A list of "out of Town Members" follows;

Name	Address
ELI BAER	Dunn, N. C.
SAM BAER	Dunn, N. C.
LOUIE BAER	Dunn, N. C.
SGT. RODNEY ELKIND	FORT BRAGG
MRS. ALBERT FLEISHMAN	Dunn, N. C.
DAVE FLEISHMAN	CLINTON, N.C.
ERNEST FLEISHMAN	LUMBERTON, N.C.
HARRY FLEISHMAN	Dunn, N. C.
SAM FLEISHMAN	Dunn, N. C.
WILLIE FLEISHMAN	Dunn, N. C.
Sgt. MILTON FLEISHMAN	FORT BRAGG
H. HOCKFIELD	Dunn, N. C.
PFC. LEONARD JOSEPH	FORT BRAGG
D. KIMMEL	Dunn, N. C.
CPL. MORRIS KROTHEN	FORT BRAGG
JOE LEDER	CLINTON, N.C.
S/SGT. EDWINN D. LISS	124 DEVANE ST. FAY.
I. MANN	RAEFORD, N.C.
WILLIE MOFF	Dunn, N. C.
PFC. SAMUEL PEARLMAN	FORT BRAGG
M/SGT. MORRIS SPIWAK	FORT BRAGG
EMANUEL SUGAR	LUMBERTON, N.C.
JOE SUGAR	ST. PAULS, N.C.

Aug. 6, 1947 B. Greenberg reported that he is not getting any cooperation from Rabbi Kohan in "any way with operating the school." A motion that Reverend Slavin be given a raise to \$75.00 per week with rent free, if he complies with our orders. The motion passed. A Motion that Reverend Slavin be made the exclusive teacher of the Hebrew school and that Rabbi Kohan be in charge of the Sunday school was passed. A motion to sell seats at \$20.00 per couple and \$10.00 for single passed. A motion to sell all honors as in the past passed.

On Sept. 2, 1947 there was a meeting of the executive board. Approval was given for the following maintenance jobs; paint the interior of the shul for not more than \$200.00, install a larger electrical distribution box to accommodate the heating and lighting facilities cost not to exceed

\$50.00, and to repair the brick structure where the mortar has loosened and fallen out, the cost not to exceed \$150.00. A motion passed to request Rev. Slavin to be present and carry out the duties given to him for the High Holy Days.

Sept. 17, 1947 A special meeting was called to set up guidelines to advertise for a new rabbi to be our spiritual leader.

October 1, 1947 A special meeting of the congregation was called to elect officers. Ed Fleishman and Joe Barr refused the nomination for president. A lengthy discussion followed. Then, a motion by A. M. Fleishman "to amend the constitution where we could dispense with our regular form of electing officers and to elect seven men to a board of governors for a year." Carried by a vote of 45 to 3. 17 people were nominated for that board and a mail vote will be taken. A motion to Elect Rabbi Samuel Epstein for our spiritual advisor for a year at a salary of \$5,50.00 passed. A motion to present Morris Goldberg with a gold watch and chain for his faithful and conscientious services to the synagogue and community Passed unanimously.

October 22, 1947 "The first meeting of the BOARD OF GOVERNORS was held at the home of Dave Shavitz. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. with Sam Cheplow acting as temporary chairman. Those present including Dr. Sam Elfmom, M. Goldberg, J. B. Stein, Monroe Evans, Joe Barr, Dave Shavitz, and A.M. Fleishman."

Sam Cheplow presented the actual ballots of the votes. "The ballots were tallied with each member of the committee endorsing the count" "Election of officers followed. Chairman of the board; Dr. S. L. Elfmom with the authority to appoint all committees with the approval of the board.

Morris Goldberg, First vice president with the responsibility of the supervision of kosher meat and the orthodox services.

J. Bernard Stein, Second Vice Chairman; with the responsibility of the supervision of the Sunday school and the late Friday night services.

Monroe Evans, Secretary of the board and the congregation.

Joe Barr, Financial Secretary; to be in charge of the organizations books.

Dave Shavitz, Collection Treasurer in charge of the collection of all monies due Beth Israel Congregation.

A. M. Fleishman, as property custodian. "

Rules set up; The board will meet the first Wednesday in each month. The congregation meetings will be held on the second Wednesday in each month. Special meetings may be called by the board or on request from 15 (fifteen) members of the congregation.

The board meeting of October 30, 1947 was at the home of Dr. S. L. Elfmon. The salary for Rabbi Epstein will start October 27, 1947. It was proposed to buy a house to rent to Rabbi Epstein. The board worked on a new constitution until 11:30 that night and Sunday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 12, 1947 regular meeting

J. B. Stein reported on a house on Davis Ave that was for sale that would be good as a parsonage. A motion to Purchase was passed. A Motion that Rabbi Slavin slaughter beef only in the day time, passed. (Now that sounds like a peculiar problem). Rabbi Epstein announced that there would be two services on Friday night. Early at 6:15 p.m. and late at 8:00 p. m. beginning November 22nd 1947 so that all could attend a service. A new member Nathan Neimeroff was approved.

November 18, 1947 The board meeting was held at the home of Joe Barr. It was decided that 10% of the budget income be set aside toward a community center and that we request the ladies to do the same with their collections. A mortgage for the house on Davis Ave may be financed for \$65.00 per month at 4 ½ percent interest was approved. It was appraised at \$9,500.00. Thirty children attended registration for Sunday school. The Rabbi asked the Ladies Auxiliary for help to get teachers. The Hebrew school had seven children register. (They worked on the constitution until 12:00 midnight.)

December 3, 1947 A regular meeting was held at the home of A. M. Fleishman. Several members of the ladies auxiliary were there to discuss the banquet to welcome Rabbi Epstein and his wife to Fayetteville. The rabbi reported that there were now ten children in the Hebrew school. M. Goldberg reported that the Jewish Welfare Board was working with the Jewish men in uniform. There are now about 75 Jews at Fort Bragg and about 300 in the state. He asked that we continue our Army & Navy committee. Rabbi Epstein was authorized to act as an auxiliary rabbi at Fort Bragg.

EXTRACT FROM THE DEED TO THE HOUSE ON DAVIS COURT

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This deed made this 29 th day of October A.D. 194 7

By William J. Young and wife, Annie Smith Young
of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina
of the first part, to S.L. Elfmon, M. Goldberg, J.B. Stein, Joe Barr,
David Shavitz, Monroe E. Evans, and A.M. Fleishman, their
successors and assigns as Trustees for Beth Israel Congregation
of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina
of the second part:

-----do grant, bargain, sell and convey ---a certain tract or parcel of land

Beginning at a stake in the north line of the lot or parcel of land of which this is a part at a point North 89 degrees 7 minutes west 225.1 feet from the northeast corner of said lot of which this is a part, which said corner of the lot of which this is a part is South 1 degree 45 minutes west 363 feet from the intersection of the west margin of Davis Street with the south margin of Arsenal Avenue, said beginning point of the lot hereby conveyed being at or opposite the middle of the twin garage building, and running thence through the middle of said garage building, South 1 degree 45 minutes west 112 feet to a stake in the North margin of Davis Court (a street); thence with the north margin of said Davis Court, North 88 degrees 15 minutes West about 70.5 feet to the West line of the lot of which this is a part (see description in Book 408, page 313); thence with the said West line, North 1 degree 45 minutes East 116 feet to the Northwest corner of the lot of which this is a part; thence with the North line of the lot of which this is a part, South 89 degrees 7 minutes East about 70.8 feet to the beginning, together with full right and privilege of ingress and egress over and upon said Davis Court, which is the street for the use and benefit of the adjoining property owners.

January 8, 1948 The regular board meeting was opened at 8:30 p.m. by the president Dr. S. L. Elfmon at the home of Mildred and Monroe Evans. The Report on the Federated Fund distribution for 1947 was presented. Total collections \$25,692.00 of which \$19,850.00 was paid to the United Jewish Appeal and \$ 5,842.00 was paid to 44 other charities. A. M. Fleishman announced that the new Jewish Welfare Board director will be Julius Cohen. The former USO Building is now called the Fayetteville Service Center. He also reported that the heating system in the shul is completed and is working. J. B. Stein reported that there are thirty-nine pupils registered in the Sunday school.. (just an

aside here, the registration in the year 2001 is also 39 pupils.) Joe Barr presented a budget for the coming year and suggested an increase of 25% in dues. There was no vote. The decision was left for the congregation meeting.

At the January 14, 1948 regular congregation meeting a proposed budget of \$16,142.40 with income of \$13,750.00 was adopted. Then they passed a motion to increase the dues by 25 %. The new constitution and by-laws were approved by the congregation.

February 4, 1948. The board passed a motion to build a community center next to the shul on Cool Spring St. with the final decision to be voted on at the next congregation meeting. Joe Barr was presented with an inscribed watch with chain and knife as a gift for years of service to Beth Israel Congregation as he prepared to move to High Point. Harry Stein was appointed to take his place on the board.

At the February the seventeenth congregation meeting a motion to build a center not to cost more than \$15,00.00 next to the present shul, passed. Rabbi Epstein set new hours for services. Friday night early service 6 p.m. and late service 8 p. m. Saturday morning 8 a.m.

On March 6, 1948 at the board meeting a motion to retain B. G. F. Laslet, architect, to draw plans for a center to cost no more than \$15,000.00 and the fee to be no more than \$900.00 (6 percent) was passed.

Information from the Columbia Encyclopedia sixth edition 2000

“ On May 14, 1948 when the British high commissioner for Palestine departed, the State of Israel was proclaimed at Tel Aviv. Lebanon, Syria, Jordon, Egypt, and Iraq invaded Israel, as most Palestinian Arabs fled from Jewish territory. By the time armistice agreements were reached in January of 1949 Israel had increased it's holdings by about one half. A government was formed at Tel Aviv with Chiam Weitzman as president and David Ben Gurion as Prime Minister. One major aim of the government was to gather in all Jews who wished to immigrate to Israel. This led to the 1950 law of the return, which provided for free and automatic citizenship for all immigrant Jews returning to Israel. ”

I inserted the historical data about Israel because I believe it enhanced the strength of Jews all over the world. It also gave us the will to

develop in our own community while it increased our responsibility toward our fellow Jews everywhere.

Hadassah, a world-wide organization, was established as the Women's Zionist organization of America in the 1912. We have had a Fayetteville chapter here since the early nineteen twenties. Many times the meetings of Hadassah and our sisterhood are held back to back with different sets of officers. Hadassah raises funds to sponsor charitable organizations in Israel. One of the major projects is Hadassah Hospital in Israel. Most of the Jewish women in our community have been active in the various programs. Just to mention a few. One of the longest running money raising projects is their "Angle of Mercy" page in the Fayetteville Observer. My wife Mildred when she was president in 1945 came up with the idea and many others have solicited the businesses for their one line endorsement of the program to raise money for Hadassah programs. As other women dropped out Flora Rulnick and Ruth Zeighouser Fleishman (A.M.'s wife) took over and now her daughter "Neicie" Wolff has been the solicitor for several years. It is currently the mainstay of their fund raising. Hadassah organized an annual 'Yard Sale' which has been held in the Beth Israel center for years. There is the annual "Youth Aliyah" luncheon to raise money to bring young people to Israel. For many years a small group of women wrapped gifts at the local "Sam Solomon Merchandising" outlet which was started by Virginia Satsky.

The work of the Beth Israel sisterhood is to raise money that is used for local projects, to serve food for the various functions and, to assist the Rabbi. As you read this book you will find many instances when the board of the synagogue called on the sisterhood for money to make certain improvements in the building. There were ninety-one names on the roster of Hadassah-sisterhood in 1987

My son, David, sent in his contribution to this history and his heading was "Growing up Jewish in Fayetteville."

He wrote "I was born in 1938. My earliest memories of my Jewish upbringing revolve around events associated with our religious tradition. My earliest memories were of the Passover holiday and the Passover dinner (Seder) at my grandparent's home on Olive Road. The year was sometime in the early 1940's. My extended family; my sister (who was just a baby) my parents, Monroe and Mildred, my grandparents, Isaac and Sarah Evans, and my Aunt Minnie and her two children, my first cousins, Arthur & Richard Pritchard. We all squeezed into my

grandparent's dining room and the service started. I was about six and my sister was about four years old. I remember sitting at the table as the service began. Someone would read in English and my grandfather would read in Hebrew. He continued to read the entire service in Hebrew while we tagged along in English. He took his time and we would slow down so he could catch up. I remember sipping some wine, and I remember crawling around under the table while the service continued. Occasionally I was joined by Arthur. Eventually I fell asleep. They woke me when we got to the part in the service when a member of the family went to the front door to open it for Elijah to come in. Just as it was being opened, the doorbell rang. Everyone was suddenly very quiet. It was not Elijah, it was Arthur's good friend and my grandparent's next door neighbor, David Ellis. We talked about the coincidence for years."

"During that same period, we were especially observant of the not riding on the High Holy Days rule. We lived a long way from the synagogue on Circle Drive and the synagogue was on Cool Spring Street, down town. My dad, Monroe, had left real early, maybe around six am. He wanted to be there at the start of services. My Parents had bought me my first suit and I was real proud of it. Around nine thirty we started our long walk down Morganton Road, past Haymount Hill and I was getting tired. I started running, slipped on some sand and tore the pants leg of my new suit. Mother was very upset. I got it bloody as well. The walk continued down Hay street and finally about ten-thirty to Cool Spring Street. Albert Waitman, who was one year older than me was outside taking a break. He was orthodox and very religious. He lived four doors up the block across from the synagogue. I always envied him not having to walk to synagogue on the High Holy Days. "

"I sat next to my Grandfather, Isaac, at services. If I was not paying attention, he slapped my prayer book and said 'zug zug' (say, say). So I pretended to read. I also remember playing with my father's Tallis. I once untied all of the knots on one of the corner strings and he got very mad at me. These knots were special and had to be tied a certain way. " (the Tallis was ruined) "

"I also have vivid memories of Hebrew school. In my memories Hebrew school started a little before I was born and lasted until after my Bar Mitzvah. Immediately after school every day from about nine years old, I went to Hebrew School five days a week and stayed until five pm. Rabbi Slavin was my first teacher and was all beard and whiskers. He

hadn't shaved from before I was born. Over and over we studied our Hebrew lessons. To this day I read Hebrew well, even though I have attended a Reform Temple for years."

Growing up in Fayetteville, the Jewish kids hung around together a lot and had socials together. We also attended a one week Jewish camp at Wild Acres every summer. (This was sponsored by the North Carolina associations of Jewish men and Jewish Women and I. D. Blumenthal.) We also had BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) conventions all over the state. The statewide Jewish youth was almost like one large group of friends who met socially from time to time to bond together as Jews and to extend our Jewish Faith. I remember my entire Fayetteville group to this day. Not best friends, but special friends. Albert and Gerald Waitman were our religious gurus and Albert was the statewide Leader. Joel Fleishman was really smart and made straight A's. He also got me into the Key Club my Junior year in high school, which was important to me. Marcia Stein and Harriet Pearlstein were the two girls in my class. One year behind were Roberta Kanzer and Rita Kertzman who finished third and fourth in their class. Not many of us, but we made a difference." (thus from David)

September 1, 1948 Preparations for the High Holy Days included agreement to sell seats at \$10.00 each, to Auction Aliyahs from the pulpit Yom Kippur evening, to buy 500 yarmulkes and to purchase 200 books. The motion was that each book may be imprinted honoring some one for \$1..90 each. M. Goldberg, B. Greenberg, and Rabbi Slavin were appointed to daven (lead the services) during the services. They agreed to purchase a new Parokus (a specially designed table cloth to cover the reading table for the Torah) with the hope that someone would donate it. (estimated cost \$225.00)

September 8, 1948 A. M. Fleishman reported that Yarmulkes would cost \$1.25 a dozen. He was authorized to buy 3 gross black and 1 gross white. Rabbi Epstein was asked to invite three new prospective members, M. Diamond, Sid Brumberg, and Jerry Union, to join the congregation.

October 19, 1948. Board meeting. A motion was made and passed that we send Rabbi Morris Steinberg a contract for \$2,500.00 a year for two years to begin October 20 th." A M Fleishman reported that we had received a shipment of Yarmulkes that he did not order from the United Synagogue Book Service. He shipped them back and they refused to

accept them. "We have them on hand." A motion was made and passed to give a gift of \$36.00 along with a letter of appreciation to those who davened (led the services) during the year and on the High Holy Days. This included M. Goldberg, B. Greenberg, and H. Erstling. It was decided that if Mr. Laslet does not deliver the Plans for the center by November the 1st, that we cancel the contract. J. B. Stein reported that he had located a lot on the Morganton Road of six acres for the price of \$16,000.00. He made a motion that we recommend to the congregation that we purchase this property for future congregational expansion. Seconded by A.M. Fleishman and the motion was unanimously passed. John Green was voted in as a new member.

October 20, 1948. Congregation meeting. A motion to send the contract to Rabbi Steinberg was passed. A motion to buy gifts as a token of appreciation for the three men who davened not to exceed \$36.00 each was passed. A motion to give a check of \$100.00 each to the two rabbis for their services during the High Holy Days also passed. J. B. Stein announced that he had discovered a lot on the Morganton Road which would be suitable for our community center that could be bought for \$16,000.00. A motion was made to purchase by H. M. Rulnick and seconded by A. M. Swartz. (there were a lot of questions and some arguments about the cost.) The one remark that Bernard Stein made really closed the deal, when he told someone that he had already bought the property and if they did not vote to purchase, he would keep it for himself because it was such a good buy. The motion Passed. Pledges were taken right then and some \$9,000.00 in pledges were made that night. It was decided that we notify Mr. Laslet that we did not want the plans for a center on Cool Spring Street. Twenty-two members were nominated for the board of governors for the next year.

On October 31, 1948 a mass meeting was called of the membership of the congregation and the members of the Hebrew Ladies Auxiliary. Dr. S. L. Elfmon reported on the new plans for our community center and added that we have an opportunity to buy an additional parcel to bring the total cost to \$18, 500.00. A motion was made to purchase it all and it passed. A motion by Sam Bridge and seconded by Mrs. Flora Rulnick to initiate a drive with a goal of \$75,000.00 to be raised over a period of two and a half years. Passed. As an alternative the group as a whole favored making a twenty year loan of \$150,000.00 to build a community center now. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and refreshments were served. Respectfully submitted, Monroe E. Evans, secretary.

Then a regular meeting of the Beth Israel Congregation was held on November 3rd, 1948. A motion was made to purchase the Morganton road property for \$18,500.00 and it passed. (members wanted to emphasize that the new property was to be owned by the Beth Israel Congregation, Inc. that is why this motion was made and passed by the board and the congregation.) They discussed having an immediate drive of \$20.000 half to be paid in January 1949 and the other half May 15, 1949 to pay for the lot. The motion was passed.

On November 10, 1948 a congregation meeting was called to tally the ballots for election to the board for next year. Then on November 22, 1948 both the old and the new board met together and the following officers were elected for the new year

Chairman	Dr. S. L. Elfmon
1 st Vice Chairman	Henry Fleishman
2 nd Vice Chairman	W. Ed. Fleishman
Secretary	M. E. Evans
Financial Secretary	J. B. Stein
Collection treasurer	Dave Shavitz
Custodian of Property	A. M. Fleishman

Mr. Ed. Lowenstein, architect, from Greensboro. N. C. was introduced by J. B. Stein and a discussion of procedures toward construction followed. The committee appointed to work with Mr. Lowenstein toward a plan were J. B. Stein, Henry Fleishman, and Rabbi Epstein.

An EXTRACT FROM THE DEED to THE MORGANTON ROAD PROPERTY as purchased on October 26, 1948.

NORTH CAROLINA
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

This deed made this 26th day of October 1948, by Roscoe L. Blue and wife, Mildred H. Blue, of Cumberland County, state of North Carolina, parties of the first part, to S. L. Elfmon, M. Goldberg, J. Bernard Stein, Harry B. Stein, David Shavitz, Monroe E. Evans, and A. M. Fleishman, trustees for Beth Israel Congregation and their successors in office, of Cumberland County, state of North Carolina, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH

That the said parties of the first part-----That certain tract or parcel of land in Cumberland County, State of North Carolina, bounded as follows:

In the City of Fayetteville: beginning at a stake in the north margin of the Morganton Road, said beginning point being Mrs. O. E. Allen's southwest corner, thence as the north margin of the Morganton Road north 60 degrees 34 minutes west 536 feet to the Ewing's corner; thence as Ewing's east line north 24 degrees 42 minutes east 506.6 feet to a corner; thence as Ewing's line north 49 degrees 22 minutes east 148 feet to the south margin of Sand Street; thence as the south margin of Sand Street south 55 degrees 10 minutes east 465 feet to a stake; thence south 23 degrees 27 minutes west 604.5 feet to the south margin of the Morganton Road, the beginning corner.....

To have and to hold.....

Signed and witnessed by a notary.

December 6th meeting opened at 8:40 and lasted until 11:10 p.m. Most of the meeting was a discussion with architect Lowenstein about plans for the center. The congregation meeting on December 8th was also devoted to plans for the new center. So far \$5,100.00 has been collected. A plea to all members to please pay their synagogue dues and pledge for the center was made by the treasurer, Dave Shavitz.

January 5, 1949 The Board of trustees met at the Home of J. B. Stein. A seated dinner was served and the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dr. S. L. Elfmon at 7:40 p.m. A treasurer's report; the total pledged to date for the community center is \$11,550.00, the total collected is \$5,750.00. The money to pay for the purchase was borrowed from First Citizens Bank. One thousand dollars was paid on the note and it was renewed for thirty days. There followed a discussion on how to raise the money. A letter from Harry Fleishman, a member from Dunn, requested that the Rabbi be sent over to Dunn to teach his son and he would pay the cost. After discussion a motion for the reply to say, "since there are many children from the surrounding communities that come to our religious school which is held five days a week from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. it would be impossible to send an instructor to Dunn." The Children now attending Hebrew school are; David Evans, Bernice Fleishman, Harvey Fleishman, Herman Fleishman, Hyman Fleishman, Joel Fleishman, Stuart Fleishman, Albert Waitman, and Gerald Waitman. A. M. Fleishman reported that Dowd's Food Store is now the store that will handle our Kosher meat. Rabbi Epstein stated that the following repairs to his house need attention; lock on front door,

knob on back door, commode seats, and plaster in two rooms. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

The January 26, 1949 meeting was called to order by Dr. S. L. Elfmom at Dave Shavitz's house at 8:20 p.m. The treasurer's report: A few more pledges toward the community center. A loan of \$10,000.00 from Sam Fleishman in Dunn was authorized to finance the purchase of the property until pledges are collected. Permission was asked by Leon Fleishman to remove the railing around the Beema (pulpit) for his daughter's wedding. Permission was granted. (This was at the Cool Spring Street synagogue.) Income last year was less than expenses so during budget discussions it was recommended that we get a shochet to open a butcher shop and we subsidize him with \$1,200.00 a year and that we get a rabbi who can teach. (I always thought that rabbi meant teacher)

February 9, 1949 Congregation meeting. B. Greenberg complained that the attendance at Hebrew school was not well attended. W. Ed Fleishman suggested that we hire a taxi to transport the children back and forth. The matter was referred to the Board. Since the budget for 1949 was critical it was decided that the 31 men who contribute the bulk of the dues should have a meeting with the board to try to raise more money. A vote of thanks was made to Sam Fleishman for the loan to pay for the lot.

March 9, 1949 At this meeting the problem of raising the \$3000.00 deficit in this years budget was turned over to Oscar Vatz and Lou Green. It was also decided to loan one of the J.W. B. Torahs to the Florence S. C. Shul. Isadore Stein thanked us for the gesture.

May 9, 1949 Board meeting. Problems to go before the next congregation meeting. The financial situation was critical. A committee was appointed to raise as much as possible to reduce the \$10,000.00 due Sam Fleishman. It was voted to give notice of dismissal to Rabbi Epstein and give him good references because we can't pay him and to offer Rabbi Slavin free house rent and \$3,400.00 per year to stay. The United Jewish Appeal committee composed of the congregation board, representatives from B'nai B'rith, and representatives from the Women's Auxiliary, will hold a meeting next Monday Night. A motion to request all non-members purchasing kosher meat to become contributing members of the congregation was passed.

At the May 12, 1949 Congregation meeting Lou Green reported that little progress had been made to raise funds for the shul. J. B. Stein, financial secretary, reported that dues collected are not taking care of expenses. A motion was made to relieve Rabbi Epstein of his duties as of June 15 and to pay him through July 15. The motion carried. A motion to reduce Rabbi Slavin's salary to \$285.00 per month with rent free as of June the first was made and passed. A motion that Kosher meat be sold by ticket only was tabled. There was a request that all pledges for the purchase of the lot for our community center be paid as soon as possible.

June 6, 1949. Board meeting. "A.M. Fleishman was asked to write letters to all kosher meat buyers who are non-members asking for contributions to help pay the cost of this operation. A motion that letters of thanks be sent to Irving Fleishman, Sunday school superintendent, and the teachers, Sid Brumberg and Mrs. Freed, passed. A motion was made and passed to accept with thanks the gift of candelabra to the shul by the Alex Waitmans. A.M. Fleishman got in touch with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America about helping us secure a rabbi. He received a letter stating that there was a great shortage of Rabbis now. Within a week we received a telegram from Rabbi Murray A. Alsted and he was invited to 'occupy our pulpit' (try out) on the week end of August 6th. A letter of recommendation from the seminary gave his resume; "He received his B.A. degree at the College of the city of New York, his M.A. at Columbia University and was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary."

August 10, 1949 A regular meeting of the congregation was held at the synagogue with Dr. Elfinon presiding. Present were Mrs. Jack Tesler and 23 members. J. B. Stein displayed plans for the new center. A motion to get bids for construction was passed. After discussion a motion was made by Ed Fleishman and seconded by Dave Shavitz to elect Rabbi Alsted at a salary of \$ 5,000.00 per year to begin Sept 1, 1949 with a guarantee of total earnings of \$6,000.00 per year plus all contributions to him for bar mitzvahs and funerals, etc was passed.

At the September 7, 1949 congregation meeting. Mr. Lowenstein, our architect, gave a very enlightening talk about the new center. He was asked to call for bids. Sam Cheplow made a motion to charge \$10.00 per seat per adult members (\$20.00 per couple) and \$15.00 for non-members for the High Holy days was seconded by A. Satsky and passed. It was decided to use local members to daven (lead the services) to be

scheduled by Rabbi Alstet, A.M. Fleishman and Henry Fleishman. Rabbi Alstet gave an inspiring acquaintance and acceptance talk and suggested that the congregation launch a drive for the Community Center on Yom Kippur night.

The September 28, 1949 board meeting was held at the home of A.M. Fleishman. The board went on record, "that all members pay for seats whether they are present at the High Holy Day services or not." Each member is morally obligated to pay his share. A Report was made that the House on Davis Ave has been painted and repaired. J. B. Stein gave the shul an 'addressograph' machine. It was accepted with gratitude by the board. A. M. Fleishman reported on plans for the Holidays. Something new "the cantor will face the congregation to daven." At the auction for the selling of Aliyahs a minimum of \$15.00 will be charged and the board will underwrite that price. The plans were accepted.

At the October 12, 1949 regular meeting of the congregation the members present went along with the seat charge of \$10.00 per adult. A. M. Fleishman reported that Rabbi Slavin had been hospitalized with a cut arm and Rabbi Kaminski has been substituting for him. We paid him \$30.00 each for the two trips and his services. He reported that the sale of aliyahs raised \$1,400.00 for the shul. Refreshment have been served by the hostess at every business meeting of the congregation and the board. It was agreed not to serve food at any more regular meetings, but the board may have refreshments at special meetings. There were sixteen people nominated for the seven member board for next year. Rabbi Alstet announced that Hebrew school for beginners will start next week and meet two times a week.

October 24, 1949 The board meeting was held at the home of Ed and Dora Fleishman. She did serve refreshments after the meeting and we ate. A committee was appointed to investigate borrowing money for the new center on a mortgage.

December 4, 1949 board meeting Election of officers;

Chairman	Dr. S. L. Elfimon
1 st Vice Chairman	Sam Bridge
Secretary	M. E. Evans
Financial Secretary	J. B. Stein
Collection treasurer	Dave Shavitz
Custodian of Property	A. M. Fleishman

A. M. Fleishman and Sid Brumberg were appointed to arrange schedules for teaching and clarification of duties for both rabbis. It was decided to pay dues to the "United Synagogues of America" that means that now Beth Israel Congregation is a conservative congregation and no longer an orthodox congregation. Of course there were several members who were Orthodox. And to clarify our congregation we also have many members who are reform Jews. Through the years Beth Israel has welcomed everyone who is Jewish to be a member. With a few arguments now and then and because we are the only synagogue within sixty miles we have Jews who practice their own customs. Our Rabbis have done an excellent job of keeping as many as possible in the fold of Judaism.

Bernice (Neicie) Fleishman Wolff sent me the following;

“Things I remember

“During World War II, sometime between 1942 and 1945, at Passover time, my Father , A. M. Fleishman , marched a large group of soldiers from the synagogue on Cool Spring Street to our house (2 blocks away) on Dick street. He conducted two Passover Seders so that all of the soldiers could participate in the Seder service. Most of the soldiers spent the night at the house. The next morning I saw people sleeping all over the house and a few in the yard.

Another memory. Joel (my Brother), Daddy, and I would decorate the Sucah each year before Succoth. A lot of the time my cousins Albert and Gerald Waitman would help us. “My Father was president of the shul so many times, I remember my mother offering the members \$1.00 (each) not to vote for him.

“When we needed a rabbi daddy would advertise in the Jewish newspapers. Rabbi Ucko told me this story. The first time he came to Fayetteville for a Shabbat weekend try out, as he was leaving , daddy told him to resign from his synagogue. Rabbi Ucko told him the board and the congregation had not voted for him . Daddy told him not to worry about it, he had the job. Being dubious about it, Rabbi Ucko called daddy a week later and he was told the congregation was waiting for him. He had been chosen to be our rabbi.”

“Daddy always assumed the responsibility for any repairs in the Synagogue, if he could not do them he would pick up the repairman and take them to the synagogue”

“ I remember when Joel was young, they would stand him on a coke crate, and he would lead the congregation in ‘Adon Olum’ or any song that we sang to end the service. “

“ The first time Joel sang ‘Kol Nidre’ was 1955. My grandmother, Dora Zeighouser, was very proud and very happy. Her face beamed.”

“My Grandmother Contributed \$5000.00 toward construction of the Rabbi’s house on Rock Ave. so that she could spend the night there during the High Holidays. We still lived downtown.”

January 24, 1950 A special meeting of the board was called at the home of president Dr. S. L. Elfmom with Mr. Lowenstein to review the bids on the construction of the community center.

Present were Sam Bridge, Sid Brumberg, Harold Cohen, Sam Elfmon, A. M. Fleishman, Henry Fleishman, W. Ed. Fleishman, Lou Green, Mike Malkin, Fannie Fleishman Satsky, and Lillian Elfmon. The bid from Dixon Construction Company was \$57,690.00 including the terraces, if there is enough stone left over, plus \$7.00 for each extra outside electric plug installed. The architect promised to stop by once a week during the summer to inspect the construction at no supervision cost. They voted to accept the contract subject to a loan being approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 and signed W. E. Fleishman, secretary.

The next meeting February 6, 1950 was to select a site on the property for the center. They decided to set the front at an angle thirty five degrees east of north (the minutes are written "almost east"). They decided to have a corner stone laying ceremony instead of a ground breaking ceremony. Committees were appointed to arrange the ceremony and to prepare a set of by-laws for the center. (The building site angle is such that neither Beema faces due east.)

March 1, 1950 A letter was prepared to go out to the merchants who the members of the congregation did business with asking for contributions toward our Community Center. The board voted to give Rabbi Slavin notice that he should work until July 1st and that he would be paid through September 1st. The U. J. A. campaign area manager, Mr. Seegar, was at the meeting and asked for extra effort to pay off the 1949 pledge and to set a higher pledge for 1950. It was decided that a new committee would be appointed.

April 4, 1950 the board meeting set up for the United Jewish appeal campaign was;

General chairman	Monroe Evans
Large donor chairman	W. Ed Fleishman
Treasurer	Julius Nelson
Chairman of pledge committee	A. M. Fleishman
Chairman of Collection committee	Lou Green
Allocating committee included those above and	H. L. Rulnick, J. B. Stein, Alex Waitman, B. Greenberg, M. Goldberg, I. Rosenfeld, and Rabbi Alsted.
Local Charity Chairman	Alex Waitman.

I included the organization for the 1950 U.J.A. drive because it included so many people. Dr. Elfmon felt that the more people with assigned jobs, the more money we would collect. I could not find the records, but I do remember that we had about as large a collection as we ever did. My memory is that it was just short of \$40,000.00.

I asked Mildred to write up about some of her community activities. *While Monroe was in the Army I was asked to be President of the Fayetteville Chapter of Hadassah and the Beth Israel Sisterhood. (They were combined at that time.) After serving several years in that capacity I was elected president of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women for two years. (While I was in the Army Mildred and my Sister, Minnie, ran our family furniture business.)*

Later I took art lessons and was ashamed that there was no museum of art in Fayetteville. With several other art students and friends working together we organized and built the Fayetteville Museum of Art. I was the its first president and remained active on the board for a number of years. Monroe was chairman of the building fund drive. This just happened to be the first building in North Carolina that had been built for a museum.

I have made many friends and have enjoyed working over the years on the board of the Cumberland County Community Action board for some sixteen years. Several years as president and several as treasurer. I helped organize "Sunday on the Square" and was its first president. This annual event has brought thousands of people to downtown Fayetteville. I was one of two organizers of the "International Folk Festival" and co-chaired the activity for eight years features many countries and ethnic groups displaying their food, their music and their dance. This annual event brings together many peoples and many thousands of spectators. I was elected to the Fayetteville City Council for seven terms, fourteen years, and was mayor pro tem of the city for two terms.

April 23, 1950 The committee was still looking for a shochet. The treasurer of the building committee reported that we were still \$1800.00 short to pay off the note on the purchase price of the lot. Decisions were made on the size of the heating plant and the boiler. Rabbi Alsted recommended that the dedication and corner stone setting be combined.

At the May 10, 1950 Board meeting Harold Cohen explained the various costs of changes in the plans. Additional outlets in the building to add \$275.00, additional pipes for heat to add \$230.00, additional outside lights and conduit \$39.00, additional cost for two exhaust fans on the roof \$30.00. The extra cost to cover rooms 4 and 5 would be \$300.00 for Pine or \$450.00 for cypress. Every thing about that building was shared with the board and the many people who attended the board meetings. They wanted to know and to be a part of their Community center. They wanted the best but no way could they afford it. So, details were discussed and the decisions shared.

On May 16, 1950 the trustees borrowed \$60,000.00 from The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company so that construction could proceed. A copy of the face of the note, the mortgage and the hand kept record of payments is reproduced on the next pages. The note was paid off on July 17, 1957.

June 1, 1950 Board meeting. Mrs. Ed Fleishman, Mrs. J.B. Stein and Mrs. S. L. Elfinon reported that they had gone to High Point, N.C. to select the furniture and silverware for the kitchen. Mike Malkin reported on a curtain for the stage. J. B. Stein reported that the State Highway Commission had agreed to grade the front of the lot on Morganton Road at no cost to us. Hunter Bros. Electric offered to sell their products at 5% over cost. Joe Barr, Monroe Evans, and Lou Green ordered products through their stores for the center at no profit. Many people were joining in the effort.

At the June 14, 1950 Congregation meeting only twelve members were present (probably because the people interested in the center had been coming to the board meetings.) Three new people who asked to be members were accepted. They were Sam Deiner, Mr. Diamond and Mr. Hertzberg. The meeting only lasted one hour. 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

EXTRACT OF THE RENEWABLE NOTE FOR \$ 60,000.00 TO
BUILD THE CENTER (copied verbatim)

Fayetteville, North Carolina
May 16 th ,1950

\$60,000.00

WITHOUT GRACE, SIX MONTHS AFTER DATE , WE, S. L. ELFMON,
W. E. FLEISHMAN, J. BERNARD STEIN, A.M. FLEISHMAN, DAVID
SHAVITRZ, SAM BRIDGE, AND HENRY FLEISHMAN, TRUSTEES, and
CONSTITUTING the BOARD OF GOVERNORS, OF

-----BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION-----
and our SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE --- P R O M I S E -----
to pay to

THE FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY,
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

or order, the sum of -SIXTY- THOUSAND (\$ 60,000.00)--DOLLARS

Negotiable and payable at said bank with interest at the rate of five per cent (5%), per annum, after date, until paid, for values received . All parties to this note hereby WAIVE protest, presentation and notice of dishonor and AGREE to remain bound notwithstanding any extension of time made by agreement between the holder and the principal debtor after maturity of this note.

This NOTE is secured by a deed of trust of even date herewith to TERRY A. LYON, TRUSTEE.

W I T N E S S : our hands and seals, the day and year above written.

_____(SEAL)
S.L. ELFMON AS TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

_____(SEAL)
W.E. FLEISHMAN AS TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

_____(SEAL)
J.BERNARD STEIN AS TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

_____(SEAL)
A.M. FLEISHMAN AS TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

_____(SEAL)
DAVID SHAVITZ AS TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

_____(SEAL)
SAM D. BRIDGE AS TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

_____(SEAL)
HENRY FLEISHMAN AS TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

COPY OF THE RECORD OF PAYMENT OF THE NOTE ON THE CENTER.

Int. paid to January 1, 1957
 1-4-51 Int. paid to March 1-15 1
 3-5-51 " " " Mar. 15-15 1
 3-15-51 " " " May 14-151
 5-12-51 " " " May 24, 151
 5-28-51 " " " July 23, 151
 7-25-51 " " " September 2 1957
 9-21-51 " " " November 20 1951
 11-27-51 " " " Jan - 19 1957
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 June 8, 1953
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 10-8-53
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 1-4-51 P'd on note 2000
 3-5-51 P'd on note 2000²⁰ due 56,000.00
 3-15-51 P'd on note 3000²⁰ due 53,000.00
 5-28-51 P'd on note 1200²⁰ due 51,800.00
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On August 7, 1950 there was a board meeting at the home of Dave Shavitz. A committee of eight was appointed to formulate a set of by-laws and operating procedures for the center. The shochet committee was instructed to hire someone full time for a salary of \$3,000.00 per year.

At the August 15 congregation meeting there were 21 members present. The motion was passed to asphalt the road and the parking lot. Two shochets had been tried but neither was satisfactory. The committee was told to try again. The usual motions for the High Holy days were passed; seat price to be the same, sell aliyahs, and fix up the synagogue. A motion passed to put the grounds of the house we owned on Nimocks Ave. in good shape.

At the congregation meeting of September 27, 1950 Dr. Elfmon presided. Thirty three members were present. Reports; The committee was still looking for a shochet and the butcher wanted to give up the kosher meat agency. Fourteen people were nominated for the board of seven for the coming year.

The November 6, 1950 board meeting. Plans for the dedication of the center were discussed by the committee which included representatives of the five organizations. They were; Julius Nelson, S. L. Elfmon, J. B. Stein, Mrs. H. (Fannie) Satsky, and Mrs. H. (Frances) Stein. A motion to send invitations to all Jewish organizations within 150 miles passed. It was agreed that the sisterhood would provide the food and that the congregation would pay for the music to be played from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

The congregation meeting on November 16, 1950 confirmed that the dedication is to be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 1950 and the Chanukah festival that same night from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. J. B. Stein informed the meeting that Bob Smith had offered his band free for the Chanukah festival.

On the first page of the Fayetteville Observer for Saturday December 2, 1950 there appeared an article headed "Kiwansians Mark 30th Anniversary in Fayetteville." A large picture of the founders of the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club was featured. Ed. Fleishman was amount those who were founders.

The first building built on the Morganton road property was a large hall with a stage and a kitchen . The building was called "The Beth Israel Center". It was used for Bar mitzvahs, weddings, socials, card playing, and dances. Originally it was agreed that no religious services would be held in the center hall, but later It was used for services on the High Holidays because the downtown synagogue was too small to hold the people. Most of the members still lived downtown and it was almost a mile and a half walk up the steep Haymount Hill to get to the services, but for a few years practically all of the congregants walked. It was a sight to see the group of Orthodox Jews in their best dressed up "SUNDAY GO TO MEETING CLOTHES" struggling up the hill. They had their spare shoes waiting in the center to wear during services.

December 10, 1950 The regular meeting of the board was called to order by president Elfinon and the following officers were elected;

Chairman	A. M. Fleishman
Vice Chairman	Ed. Fleishman
Secretary	Monroe Evans
Collecting treasurer	Dave Shavitz
Financial Treasurer	J. B. Stein
Treasurer for building fund	Henry Fleishman
Custodian of Property	Sam Bridge

There were votes of thanks and congratulatory talks for a most successful year. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

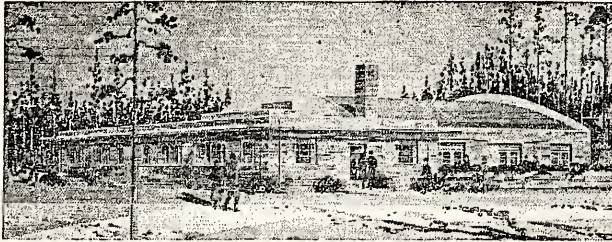
Signed: W. Ed. Fleishman, secretary

Harvey Fleishman had a copy of the dedication program . A copy appears on the next four pages. The next page is a copy of the letter received from G. W. Ray, the city manager of Fayetteville at that time.

FRONT PAGE OF THE DEDICATION PROGRAM

Cornerstone Dedication Ceremonies

FOR THE



Beth Israel Center

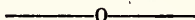
Jayetteville, North Carolina

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1950

3:00 P. M.

Program

- WELCOME A. M. Fleishman
Chairman Dedication Committee
- NATIONAL ANTHEM Audience
- INVOCATION Rabbi Aaron J. Tofield
Temple Israel, Charlotte, N. C.
- INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Dr. S. L. Elfmon
Chairman of Board of Directors
of Congregation Beth Israel



Cornerstone Laying

DOCUMENTS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE CORNERSTONE BY THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS

- The Synagogue David Shavitz
- The Center J. B. Stein
- Sisterhood Mrs. Harry Satsisky
- Hadassah Mrs. Harry Stein
- B'nai Brith Julius Nelson
- B. B. Youth Organization Joel Fleishman
- Manager Of City Of Fayetteville Gilbert Ray

CORNERSTONE CARRIED OUTDOORS BY SYNAGOGUE DIRECTORS, WITH AUDIENCE FOLLOWING

- LAYING OF CORNERSTONE Dr. S. L. Elfmon
- SHEHECHEYONU AND PRAYER ... Rabbi Murray A. Alstet

Dedication Ceremony

REASSEMBLING AT THE CENTER

Presentation Of Keys And Trowel To Mr. J. B. Stein,
Chairman Of The Center's Board Of Directors And
Building Committee.

Acceptance And Remarks J. B. Stein

A THOUGHT FROM OUR YOUTH Joel Fleishman
B. B. Youth Organization

GREETINGS FROM HONORED GUESTS

Colonel Allan Campbell, Chief of Staff, V-Corps, Fort
Bragg, North Carolina

J. O. Talley, Jr. Mayor Of Fayetteville

Rev. John D. Mauney, St. James Lutheran Church And
President Of Fayetteville Ministerial Association

ADDRESS Rabbi Murray A. Alstet

"THUS WE CONSECRATE"

A Pledge Recited By Rabbi And Audience

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER Ed. Fleishman
Secretary Board of Directors

ADDRESS—"Religion In Action" Dr. Max Arzt
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, N. Y.

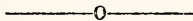
ANNOUNCEMENTS

HATIKVAH Audience

"GOD BLESS AMERICA" Audience

BENEDICTION Rabbi Pesach Krauss
Congregation Beth El, Durham, N. C.

Singing led by Harry Erstling, with Marvin H. Rosenberg at the piano



Following the exercises, a Social Hour will be held, with the
Sisterhood in charge.

FOURTH PAGE OF PROGRAM

Officers Of Center Council

J. Bernard Stein, Chairman

Sam Bridge	A. M. Fleishman	Harris M. Rulnick
Sidney Brumberg	Henry Fleishman	Mrs. Harry Satsisky
Dr. S. L. Elfmon	Irving Fleishman	Dave Shavitz
Mrs. S. L. Elfmon	W. Ed. Fleishman	Mrs. J. B. Stein
Monroe E. Evans	Mrs. W. E. Fleishman	

Members Of Center

Alstet, Rabbi M. and Mrs.	Hertzberg, Joe and Mrs.
Apple, Arthur and Mrs.	Hallerman, Herman
Baer, Sam and Mrs.	Joseph, I. Mac and Mrs.
Blaustein, Dan and Mrs.	Kanzer, Michael and Mrs.
Blaustein, Max and Mrs.	Katz, Simon and Mrs.
Blumenstein, Joseph L. and Mrs.	Kertzman, Bill and Mrs.
Bridge, Sam and Mrs.	Kronsborg, Edward and Mrs.
Brody, Dave and Mrs.	Kronsborg, J. Mrs.
Brumberg, Sidney and Mrs.	Kronsborg, Herbert
Cheplow, Sam and Mrs.	Lacob, Hyman and Mrs.
Coblentz, Dr. F. F. and Mrs.	Lacob, Louis
Cohen, Harold and Mrs.	Leder, Joe and Mrs.
Cohen, Julius M.	Linder, Harold and Mrs.
Dembo, Benny and Mrs.	Maikin, Michael and Mrs.
Diamond, William and Mrs.	Mann, Israel and Mrs.
Elfmon, Dr. S. L. and Mrs.	Margolls, Matthew and Mrs.
Erstling, Harry and Mrs.	Mendelsohn, Jack and Mrs.
Evans, I.	Mendelsohn, Sam and Mrs.
Evans, Monroe E. and Mrs.	Nelson, Julius and Mrs.
Fleishman, A. M. and Mrs.	Novin, Sol and Mrs.
Fleishman, Bernard and Mrs.	Rose, Bernard and Mrs.
Fleishman, Ernest and Mrs.	Rosenburg, Marvin and Mrs.
Fleishman, Harry and Mrs.	Rosenfeld, I. and Mrs.
Fleishman, Henry and Mrs.	Rosenfeld, Leon V.
Fleishman, Herbert	Rulnick, H. L. and Mrs.
Fleishman, Irvin and Mrs.	Rulnick, H. M. and Mrs.
Fleishman, Leon and Mrs.	Satsisky, Aaron and Mrs.
Fleishman, Maurice and Mrs.	Satsisky, Harry and Mrs.
Fleishman, Milton and Mrs.	Shavitz, Dave and Mrs.
Fleishman, Morris and Mrs.	Shavitz, Harry and Mrs.
Fleishman, Nathan and Mrs.	Stein, Harry B. and Mrs.
Fleishman, Nathan	Stein, J. Bernard and Mrs.
Fleishman, Ned	Stein, K. and Mrs.
Fleishman, S. M. and Mrs.	Stuhl, George and Mrs.
Fleishman, Sam	Sugar, Emanuel and Mrs.
Fleishman, Samuel and Mrs.	Sugar, Joe and Mrs.
Fleishman, W. Ed. and Mrs.	Swartz, A. M. and Mrs.
Fleishman, Will	Sykes, Leon and Mrs.
Freed, L. and Mrs.	Tesler, Jack and Mrs.
Glazer, Charles and Mrs.	Union, Jerry and Mrs.
Goldberg, M. and Mrs.	Vatz, Oscar and Mrs.
Green, John and Mrs.	Waitman, Alex and Mrs.
Green, Louis and Mrs.	Zeighauser, Dora and Mrs.
Greenberg, B. and Mrs.	Zall, Hyman

LETTER FROM THE MANAGER OF THE CITY OF
FAYETTEVILLE

From: The Government of the City of Fayetteville at the dedication of the Jewish Recreational Building, Sunday, December 3, 1950.

The City of Fayetteville is particularly proud of the progress being made by this generation of its Jewish citizens. The building for recreational purposes, being dedicated today, is but a fine example of the consideration given by the Jewish people of the city to the welfare and development of the present and future generations of Fayetteville citizens.

The City of Fayetteville pays tribute to the public spiritedness of its Jewish citizenry, who today are participating in civic affairs in positions of responsibility far in excess of the relative number of Jewish people to the total citizens of the city. A concrete example of this fact is the membership on various boards and committees held by the following: J. Bernard Stein, President of Chamber of Commerce and member of the Community Service Council; Harry Binder Stein, member of Cemetery Committee and member of Community Service Council; Mrs. S. L. Elfmom, member of City Recreation Commission; Leon Fleishman, member of City School Board; Maurice Fleishman, member of Cumberland County A.B.C. Board; Mrs. Harry Stein, member Library Board. In addition to these positions of public trust, Fayetteville's Jewish people can be found in the forefront of any community enterprise for the betterment of any phase of life in the city.

In a world which in the past decade has witnessed persecution of Jewish peoples in a manner abhorrent to all free thinking peoples, all residents of Fayetteville regardless of race or creed have enjoyed equal protection under the law, full rights of citizenship in all respects, with every opportunity to work and excel in any phase of community life commensurate with his ability. In a free world we confidently expect a continuance of this fine relationship and progress.


G. W. Ray
City Manager

On February 3, 1951 the board of governors meeting was called to order by Chairman A. M. Fleishman at 8:45 p. m. at the center. A new committee was set up to employ a shochet with authority to act. Rabbi Alsted asked for a raise of \$65.00 per month or \$780.00 per year. It was voted that the board go on record favoring open house at the center to the Jewish military.

At the February 7, 1951 Congregation meeting held at the center both treasurers (the operational and the building fund treasurers) reported that they need money. Ed Fleishman reported that 27 children are being taught. Julius Cohen of the local Jewish Welfare Board reported that brunches were being arranged for the military. A motion to raise money for the Saturday night JWB function Passed. A motion that we respectfully regret that that at this time we cannot increase the salary of Rabbi Alsted passed.

March 10, 1951 Board Meeting. The board was informed that Rev. Bell has been employed as a shochet to begin March the fifteenth, but we received a letter on the twenty first that his child was ill and they could not come here after all. A Motion to have a community Seder for Passover at the center in cooperation with the JWB committee and to charge \$2.00 per plate was passed.

On March 14, 1951 the congregation meeting was called to order at 8:35 By chairman A. M. Fleishman. There were twenty three members present. W. Ed Fleishman reported that the Sunday school was all right. M. Goldberg called for a meeting of the cemetery committee and promised to report at the next meeting. A committee was appointed to do work on the Nimocks Ave. house for the shochet. The Saturday night community Seder prices were set at \$1.50 for the military and \$3.00 per plate for members. Home hospitality was asked for the Friday night first Seder. There was considerable discussion about another request for a raise by Rabbi Alsted.

At the April 8, 1951 Board meeting we were notified that Rev Bell was not coming. The committee was asked to seek a shochet again

and to consider selling the house on Nimocks Ave. It was decided to put locks on the kitchen doors at the center.

The Fayetteville Observer carried this notice on May 22, 1951 Monroe Evans, a local furniture dealer, has received the Fayetteville Junior Chamber of Commerce "Jaycee of the year" award.

At the August 25, 1951 board meeting it was decided that the High Holy Days services should be conducted at the synagogue and if too many servicemen come to services that dual services be held. The services would then be conducted for the military in the center. Seats priced at \$10.00 single and \$20.00 for couples for both members and non-members. The Aliyahs are to be sold at auction. A motion that the shul on Cool Spring Street be painted for the High Holy Days was passed.

On August 29, 1951 at the congregation meeting Mr. Greenberg reported that we have a shochet coming from out of town every two weeks and he is also trying to get frozen kosher turkeys. A committee was appointed to try to work out that services for the High Holy Days would be over by about one p.m. (my comment . "Very little chance.") Ushers were; H. L. Rulnick, Leon Fleishman, Irving Fleishman, Harold Linder, Monroe Evans, H. M. Rulnick and Sid Brumberg. The J. W. B. (Jewish Welfare Board) was given permission to hold services at the center for the High Holy Days. Mr. Reginald Goldsmith was accepted as a new member. A committee was appointed for the sale of Israel Bonds.

The September 5, 1951 was called as a special meeting to assign the davining for the high holy days. M. Goldberg, B. Greenberg, and Harry Erstling agreed to conduct the services at no charge to the congregation. The schedule was agreed upon.

On October 5, 1951 The board meeting was held at the center. B. Greenberg reported that Rev. Pliner has been found to be a good shochet. A Motion to hire Rev. Pliner at a salary of \$250.00 per month plus living quarters was passed. Letters of thanks were authorized to be sent to; Lou Green for the resilvering of the silver ornaments of the torah, Mrs. K. Stein for the satin lining of the Ark, Alex Waitman for a mantel for a Torah, Henry

Fleishman for a mantel for a Torah, and A. M. Fleishman for a mantel for a Torah.

At the congregation meeting of October 11, 1951 the congregation voted to Hire Rev. Pliner as our shochet at \$250.00 per month and the house on Nimocks Ave. along with a \$250.00 allowance to move here. The congregation went on record approving the selling of lots in the cemetery. Nominations for election to the board were taken.

On October 23, 1951 A special meeting of the board was called to Purchase a car for \$1400.00 for the use of the Rabbi. Money was raised by donations. The title will be jointly held and all insurance be purchased jointly. Everyone was happy.

The November 14, 1951 congregation meeting had 29 members present. A Report was made that the heating plant for the Nimocks Ave. house is installed and working. A motion to include the \$5.00 per year dues to the Zionist Organization Of America be itemized and included in the shul dues was passed. The car for the use of the Rabbi was accepted and it was understood that the donors of the car will pay the insurance as it come due.

Many of our Jewish people have been and are participants and leaders in all kinds of community activities. Mildred and I were very active. Listed below are the organizations and then the names and dates of all who responded to my inquiry and all who I remember participating. I know there are many more who should be on this list, but ?

CIVIC and NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION POST # 3

Monroe Evans, Vice Commander 1952

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Monroe Evans , First Aid Instructor 1939-1942

Kaye Green ,life Guard, CPR, & Community Safety
instructor 1989-1990

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Monroe Evans, Scoutmaster 1936-1937. Silver Beaver 1955

Harry Rulnick, Eagle Scout

CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Monroe Evans, pres. 1980-83 pres. 1989-1993
Ronald Green,

CAPE FEAR INDUSTRIES

Monroe Evans, Treas. 1981-1985

CAPE FEAR REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Kaye Green, instructor

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Mildred Evans 1975-1981 pres. 1981

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE

Monroe Evans, pres. 1995-2000

CUMBERLAND COUNTY Plant Managers Association

Michael Green Pres. 2002

CUMBERLAND COUNTY UNITED WAY

Monroe Evans, Campaign Chairman 1957. Pres. 1959

FAYETTEVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Monroe Evans, Pres. 1962 Man of Year 1966

FAYETTEVILLE AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMRNT

CORPORATION (FAEDC) Michael Green Pres year?

FAYETTEVILLE AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Monroe Evans, treas. 1988-1995 pres. 1995-1998

FAYETTEVILLE ART GUILD

Mildred Evans pres. 1965-67

FAYETTEVILLE MUSEUM OF ART

Mildred Evans co-founder & first pres. 1980-1983

Monroe Evans, treas. 1972-1981 pres. 1981-83

FAYETTEVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB

Mildred Evans 1st vice pres. 1963-64

FAYETTEVILLE URBAN MINISTRY

Sarah Neider

Doris Rulnick

Harry Rulnick treasurer

Steve Satsky pres.

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Kaye Green, Leader 1989-2001

GOVERNORS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Kaye Green, leader

INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL (annual city festival)
Mildred Evans co-founder & chairman for 8 years

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Monroe Evans, awarded JAYCEE of year 1951

Ronald Green, coordinator of Jaycee Fair several years

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF FAYETTEVILLE

Frances Brooks Stein

KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CAPE FEAR

Monroe Evans, Pres. 1965

Harry Rulnick, Pres.

MARCH OF DIMES

Ronald Green, Board of directors 1978-years

Masons

Ronald Green, 1981-present

N C ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH WOMAN

Mildred Evans, pres. 1951

POPE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Monroe Evans pres. 1971-72

POPE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Michael Green Pres. Year?

N C AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Monroe Evans pres. 1973-74

Salvation Army

John Green Others Award -1984

Ronald Green 1984 Ch. of Board 3 years very active

SHARE OF THE CAROLINAS

Monroe Evans pres. 1980-1987 & 1991-1995

Ronald Green very active

SUNDAY ON THE SQUARE (annual city festival)

Mildred Evans, Founder & chairman for 2 years

THE GIRL SCOUTS

Kaye Green

POLITICAL

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE ELECTED

MAYOR

Monroe Evans 1965-1969

MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Stephen Satsky two years 1975-1977

Mildred Evans, member 16 years mayor pro tem 4 years.

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE APPOINTED

COORDINATING COUNCIL OF OLDER ADULTS OF
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Mildred Evans, pres 1997,1998

FAYETTEVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Monroe Evans, 1986-1991 Chairman 1991

FAYETTEVILLE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Ervin Baer 1965 first chairman and organized it's operation.

Mildred Evans, member 1971-72

Harry Rulnick was a member for many years and chairman .

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Monroe Evans, treas. 1973-74

BUSINESS

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK local board

Monroe Evans, 1967-1985 pres., 1980

NC SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Monroe Evans, NC Man of Year 1975

At the Jan 19, 1952 Board meeting the first order of business was to request that Rabbi Phillip Fried is not to publish any personal affairs in the monthly bulletin. (I could not find out what triggered the request.) The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting. (I looked through all the minutes for the year 1952 and could find no record of an election of officers that year.) It was agreed that we would fill the oil storage tank at the Nimocks Ave. House for Rev. Pliner and that he should leave it full when he leaves. (Can you believe that agreement was carried out.?)

Again at the March 13, 1952 Board meeting there was trouble with the kosher meat. The committee was instructed to tell Rev. Pliner that he was only allowed to slaughter animals for the kosher meat dealer. (He was helping out at the abattoir when they needed him and offered him a few extra dollars.) The shochet requested that the mikva (The small cleansing pool at the synagogue) be cleaned up so that it may be used. (A Mikva is a small indoor pool large enough to stand up in that allows the water to flow through, as if it were running water. It is used for a religious cleansing ritual.) The motion to do so passed.

The March 19, 1952 Congregation meeting was called to order by Chairman A. M. Fleishman with 33 members present. An interesting aside here. A.M.s Hebrew name was Avrum Mashe and he never used an English translation. He was always called A. M. The first order of business was a discussion of the meat problems and the day for sales changed from Thursday to Wednesday. The chairman of the education committee, Bernard Fleishman, reported that the Rev. Pliner is teaching 17 children and the Rabbi is teaching none. A motion was made and passed to pay the teachers of Sunday school \$10.00 per month. A motion to repair the mikva at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 passed. The wording of the indenture to sell cemetery lots was approved.

May 14, 1952 The Congregation meeting was held at the center. Bernard Fleishman, chairman of the education committee, reported that Sunday school attendance was good, but Hebrew school attendance was not. A motion by Dave Shavitz, seconded by Howard Edelman that any deceased person who has expressed a desire to be buried in the Jewish Cemetery and funds are not available that the Jewish community bear the cost, passed.

On June 18 1952 the board meeting was held at A. M. Fleishman's house. No quorum was present but "Nice refreshments were served by the host" signed Monroe E. Evans, secretary.

The August 14, 1952 board meeting at A. M. Fleishman's house was opened at 8:40 p.m. A letter from Rev. Pliner requesting an increase in Salary was read. It was voted to bring it up at the next congregation meeting. Rabbi Alstet is on vacation this month. It was announced that the "Ladies Night" social did not make expenses. It was voted to pay the \$27.17 loss from the congregation treasury. It was announced that Rabbi Liefman from Fort Bragg had offered his services during the High Holy Days. It was accepted with gratitude. It was agreed that seats for the High Holidays be \$20.00 for couples and \$10.00 for singles. The Aliyah selling would be from the Beema (the pulpit) at the services the night before.

On August 20, 1952 the congregation meeting was held at the Beth Israel Center. The request for a raise from Rev. Pliner brought forth a motion to call a special meeting to decide weather to continue with the kosher meat problems as in the past or that members take care of getting kosher food for themselves. The date set was August 27, 1952 . A motion to hold services at the center for the High Holy Days was defeated. A motion that an addition to the center for a synagogue be discussed during the High Holy Days was made by Irving Fleishman and seconded by Harold Cohen was passed.

A special meeting of the congregation was held on August 27, 1952 to discuss how to handle the kosher meat for the congregation. After a one hour meeting and much discussion Sam Fleishman made a motion to continue to serve kosher meat as in the past. It was seconded by Leon Fleishman and passed. 15 for and 2 opposed.

The October 8, 1952 Congregation meeting was called to order at 8:35 By Chairman A. M. Fleishman with 27 members present. A discussion was held about securing a director for the center who would teach Hebrew and Sunday school and to use the money now paid the shochet and the rental income from renting out the Nimocks Ave. house to pay that person.. A motion to look for such a person passed with no objection.

Nominations for members of the board were made for next year.

The October 30, 1952 Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 p. m.

B. Greensburg reported on the meat committee. "Meat is cheaper than it has been in a long time, but the service is irregular and unsatisfactory." Building Fund and dues collections show several delinquencies. A discussion on whether to hold Friday night services at the center or the shul downtown brought forth the suggestion that the congregation vote on the question. Rabbi Alstet suggested that we revive our choir. He said that there was a professional choir master who would organize the group for \$5.00 per hour. \$50.00 was voted to do it. The following recommendations from the education committee were adopted;

- 1 All children entering Sunday school for the first time must be four years old on or before November 1st following the opening date.
- 2 All parents who are not members should pay for the use of our school. The fee should be \$15.00 per child per year. This charge is not to affect military personnel..
3. A member of the community should be superintendent (REJECTED by the board)
4. The Rabbi should meet with the teachers every four weeks
5. Partitions should be secured to make more rooms out of the auditorium.
6. More Sunday school teachers should be called upon, if needed by the Rabbi.

Pertaining to the Hebrew school

1. The coca cola machine should be disconnected during Hebrew School.
2. The Rabbi and other Hebrew teachers should be at the center one-half hour before the first class begins. (To take care of any students who are waiting to get in the building for classes.)

The Board voted to adopt the program.

I found a deed for additional property Off Morganton Road dated March 3, 1953. The description follows;

Beginning at a stake in the North margin of the Morganton Road, said beginning point being Mrs. O. E. Allen's southwest corner; thence as the North margin of the Morganton Road, North 60 degrees 34 minutes west 356 feet to Ewing's corner; thence as Ewing's east line, north 24 degrees 42 minutes east 506.6 feet to a corner; thence as Ewing's line, North 49 degrees 22 minutes East 148 feet to the South margin of Sand Street; thence as the South margin of Sand Street, South 55 degrees 10 minutes East 465 feet to a stake; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes

West 604.5 feet to the South margin of the Morganton Road, the beginning corner.

This property was to take over the area of a drainage ditch on the west side of the property and to clear title to an old street that was there. Later we tried to get the city to put a storm sewer pipe in the ditch.

I could find no minutes for between March 1953 and December 1954

In 1954 the Blumenthal Foundation in Charlotte sponsored a circuit-riding rabbi. Rabbi Harold Friedman traveled from one town to another holding services and teaching children in preparation for their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs. The program was excellent for several years, but the job was very trying for the Rabbi. After three rabbis the program was discontinued.

On December 29, 1954 the new officers elected were

A. M. Fleishman,	Chairman
Sam D. Bridge	Co-Chairman
Nathan Fleishman	Secretary
Harry Satsky	Treasurer
John Green	Custodian of Property
Henry Fleishman	Treasurer of the Building Fund
Bill Kertzman	Chairman of Sunday School and

Conservative Services (This was a new post)

I. Evans Chairman of the Orthodox services committee

with Sam Bridge, A. M. Fleishman and Henry Fleishman .

(I have tried to recall why my father was chairman and the only reason I could come up with was that the break was so controversial that A. M. appointed him to keep the peace between the two groups, because he really didn't mind, either way suited him.)

"It was suggested that the Chevra Kadisha (the burial society) give \$2,000.00 to the synagogue treasurer to pay for the new property bought on Rock Ave. A suggestion was made that either The Rabbi or Rev. Pliner should be present at all Yahrzeit (memorial) services. From the minutes, "Or G-d forbid we have an improper minion." "The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 after which our genial hostess, Mrs. Nathan Fleishman, served delicious refreshments which were greatly enjoyed by all present." Secretary, Dave Shavitz.

February 9, 1955 Board meeting. " The Burial society treasurer, Julius Nelson, has sent a check for \$2000.00 to Henry Fleishman, the treasurer

of the building fund. A letter of welcome will be sent to two new families who have joined the congregation. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Blum and Mr. & Mrs. M. Rabinovitz. A motion was made that when a new comer wants to join the Congregation a reduction from the \$500.00 membership dues may be allowed at the discretion of the board was passed. A motion was made and passed that under special circumstances membership may be as low as \$50.00 per year . A motion made to hold the late Friday night services (The orthodox service) at 8:30 p.m. was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12: 50 a.m.” (There must have been a lot of discussion and probably some shouting to pass those motions.)

At the February 27, 1955 Congregation Meeting A suggestion that a form be prepared and sent out to record the English and the Hebrew names of all members and the names of each of their family members so that a permanent record of the membership may be kept. A motion was made and passed to offer for sale the properties of the congregation on Nimocks Ave and Davis Court amended that the total price not be less than \$15,000.00 and the money to be used to build apartments for a rabbi and a shochet on the property near the Center. A Motion was made and passed that the rabbi be given first preference on new housing. A suggestion was made that Rev Pliner be notified that he should clean up the premises around his house. A motion was made and carried that Rabbi Alstet should look for another position. Then a motion was made to notify Rev. Pliner to look for a new position also and it passed. George Z. Stuhl, Acting secretary.

At the March 17, 1955 board of directors meeting Rabbi Alstet presented a conservative prayer book for use by the congregation and the board approved the purchase of 100. Mr. & Mrs. David ‘Jerry’ Solomon were accepted as members of the congregation. A motion was passed to pay Rabbi Rosenzweig \$13.00 for expenses for his visit to Fayetteville. A list of the donors of the new prayer books was included in the minutes.

Mr. & Mrs. Gus Whitmer	\$25.00,	William Rubin	\$25.00
William Kertzman	6 books,	A. M. Fleishman	12 books,
Harry Satsky	12 books	John Green	12 books
Nathan Fleishman	12 books	Julius Nelson	12 books

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made and passed to withhold the notices to the Rabbi and Rev. Pliner that they look for new positions

while on vacation because they still had time on their contracts. Refreshments were served after the meeting closed at 12:15 a.m.

'Jerry' Solomon came here from Conway, South Carolina. He had married Sylvia Fleishman who was from Fayetteville. He bought the Parker house of Music which was then on Gillespie Street. Sylvia's brother tied into that operation and opened a store in Charlotte and later in Durham. Their son 'Ronnie' Solomon also worked in the music store and later went into a most successful pawn shop business.

At the April 25, 1955 Board meeting The treasurer, Harry Satsky reported that so far this year he had collected \$5,849.00 and that he had \$2,741.53 balance in the bank. A motion for the trustees to borrow \$2,000.00 from the bank to build a home for the Rabbi passed. Then Harry Satsky offered to loan the congregation \$2,000.00 at no interest.

The May 12, 1955 Congregation meeting was held at the center. Rev. Pliner was reelected for another year. Meyer Brown of Wilson was voted in as a member. He had married my sister, Minnie. They moved to Wilson, but they remained members here. A motion that the Center should be reserved for the High Holidays from September 14th to September 25th was passed.

. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

On July 26, 1955 at the board meeting the treasurers of both the congregation and the building fund reported that a number of people are delinquent in their payments. The damages caused by Hurricane "Hazel" have been repaired and the insurance company paid the bills. The construction of the home for the Rabbi is almost complete. The total cost will be approximately \$12,500.00 and the mortgage will only be \$4,500.00. A Motion that letters of thanks should be sent for the donation of steel for the structure to Harold Cohen & John Green of Cohen & Green and to several other building supply houses for their price cooperation passed unanimously. The house on Nimocks Ave. was sold for \$6,750.00. A report was made by Julius Nelson that the pledges for The Beth Israel Federated fund totaled \$12,620.00 for the year 1954. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the board of the Center requesting the use of the Center for the September dates of the High Holy Days. The board decided to sign a contract for termite control in the new center building. A motion by John Green to donate \$25.00 to the janitor to purchase a lawn mower was passed. The next motion was that the insurance policy for the new Rabbi's house be

bought from Monroe Evans. There is a story here. The insurance agent that most of us did business with decided to develop an area off the Morganton road with restrictions on purchasers of property so that no Jews qualified. I got mad and took the state board examinations and opened an insurance agency. Later the restrictions on the ownership of the property were changed.

On August 9, 1955 The board of the congregation received a letter from the board of the Center clearing the use of the center for the High Holy Day services signed by the secretary, Mildred D. Evans.

A special meeting of the board was called for August 14, 1955. Rabbi Alstet made a carefully detailed report concerning his stay in this community and notified the board that he wanted to resign and take a job in Florida beginning September the first. The board accepted the resignation and gave him the car that he had been using since 1950 free and clear.

At the August the 16th meeting of the congregation twenty nine members were present along with several women. Rabbi Alstet's resignation was approved along with the gift of the car. It was decided not to start the effort to get a new rabbi until after the Succoth holidays.

In with the minutes was a two page letter from "The Jewish Theological Seminary of America affiliated with The United Synagogue of America to Dr. S. L. Elfmon explaining the difficulty of employing a rabbi and the problem of financing the Seminary. The letter stated that they had tried to raise money here in Fayetteville and so far they had not. They requested that we organize a meeting so that they could have a speaker to raise money for their organization. The letter stressed the spirituality of support for each other.

The board of directors met on August 24th 1955 at the home of Henry Fleishman. Also present were the president of the sisterhood, Miriam Fried, and the chairman of the Sunday school committee, Bernard Fleishman. The new Sunday school committee will have two members from the congregation, Bernard Fleishman and John Green, and two members from the sisterhood, to be appointed by Mrs. Fried. The Rabbi search committee appointed was W. Ed Fleishman, S. L. Elfmon, Jerry Union, Bernard Stein, H. L. Rulnick, and Monroe Evans. A special donation By Mrs. Dora Zeighouser of \$5,000.00 toward the new rabbi's house was acknowledged with appreciation. (She requested that

as long as she lived downtown she be allowed to sleep in the house on The High Holiday nights, which was granted. Signed by Nathan Fleishman, secretary.

The next meeting was held on October 10, 1955 at A. M. Fleishman's home. The treasurer, H. L. Satsky, reported that there was \$1,110.76 in the bank. The sale of aliyahs for the High holidays which brought in \$1,900.00 was an improvement over last years income by \$100.00. Total pledges for the UJA was \$9,805.00 was reported by Julius Nelson. Mrs. Kaufman was retained as a Hebrew and Sunday school teacher at \$60.00 per week until we get a new Rabbi. A motion was passed to express thanks to those who assisted in conducting the High Holy Days services. They were Reverend Pliner, Chaplain B. Cohen, Joel Fleishman, A. M. Fleishman, and Sam D. Bridge. A Motion by John Green and seconded by William Kertzman that the name of Morris Goldberg be inscribed in the "Golden Book" in Israel at a cost of \$100.00 honoring his some forty years as chairman of the Hebrew Burial Society and his many years as our chason, and that letters of condolence be sent to the late Mr. Goldberg's family and to the family of the late Mrs. J. I. Lessem. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 and refreshments were served.

A congregation meeting was held on October 27, 1955 at the Beth Israel Center. Bernard Fleishman reported that progress by the students with the new teacher was better than it had been in years. A motion to charge a fee of \$5.00 per child to members and \$15.00 per child for non-members was made. After much discussion the motion was passed 15 to 10. A motion passed to appoint a committee to start planning for a new synagogue on the center grounds. A sixteen member committee was appointed.

The congregation meeting of December 7, 1955 was called to order by the chairman A. M. Fleishman with 24 members present. Joe Barr was voted in as a new member of the congregation. A report was made by William Kertzman that all is settled on the sale of the Davis Court house.

The next discussion was on how much to offer a new rabbi? Motion by George Stuhl that we offer \$7,000.00 per year plus the house rent free was seconded by Dave Shavitz and passed. A motion passed to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mrs. Dora Zeighouser. A motion that we join the United Synagogue of America association and send in \$50.00 as membership at once was passed.

The board of directors met on December 28, 1955 to discuss all of the insurance policies and to elect officers for the coming year. A Motion that all officers continue to serve for another year passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm.

On January 16, 1956 a meeting of the congregation was held at the center with twenty members present. The treasurer reported that collections for the year 1955 were \$ 13,995.49 and the total paid out was \$12, 879.48 with a balance in the bank of \$1,116.01. Bernard Stein resigned from the board and Monroe Evans was elected to serve instead. A motion was made by Julius Nelson seconded by I. Evans to elect Rabbi Philip Fried for one year at a salary of \$7,000. 00 per year and that he be told that he could not "engage in non-religious businesses for financial remuneration". The vote was 11 for election and 5 opposed. A motion was passed that the moving allowance for the new rabbi would not exceed \$200.00. Signed by David Shavitz , assistant secretary.

A board of directors meeting was held at the home of Harry Satsky on February 27, 1956 with A M. Fleishman presiding. There were seven members of the board present and three visitors. A motion by John Green and seconded by Henry Fleishman to authorize Monroe Evans to renew all insurance policies with companies he represents was passed. The cost to move Rabbi Fried was \$150.00. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm and refreshments were served. Nathan Fleishman, secretary.

The next meeting of the board of trustees was held on the 12th of March 1956 at the home of William Kertzman with seven members present and two guests.. Bernard Fleishman and Mrs. Fried reported that there were approximately sixty children attending Sunday school at this time. The minutes reported that a discussion was held on how many Sunday school teaches were needed and the recommendation that Mrs. Kaufman be retained as our Hebrew and Sunday school teacher. No motion was reported about what was decided. The treasurer of the home building fund (the houses on Davis court and Nimocks Ave. which had been sold) turned over \$5,000.00 to Henry Fleishman the treasurer of the Center.

The story of John (Hans) Green that was handed to me was a profile by one of our local radio reporters, Johnny Joyce and I will quote some of his remarks. *"John was born in Coblenz, Germany in 1920. In 1933 his formal education ended when a family friend helped him get to Holland to escape Hitler. He got a job in a bakery and worked there two years. He moved to Paris to meet up with his brother who had escaped from a concentration camp. John worked making candy at the Paris worlds fair for six months. Then in 1937 He came to the United States through relatives in Greensboro, N.C. He could speak no English but through a German contact he got a job at a bakery with hours from nine at night until ten in the morning. After about a year he met up with his sister,*

Ruth, who had also escaped Germany and they moved to Winston Salem, N.C. where his uncle persuaded him to go to a business school. He also sold score cards, ice cream and soft drinks at a ball park. He was offered a job in a salvage yard which became his career business. He later worked in a salvage yard in Greensboro, N.C. In 1941 He enlisted in the Army and was in the invasion of Normandy. He was among the first Americans when they liberated the Nazi Concentration camp at Dachau. He served as a translator and interpreter. When the fighting stopped he was sent to Vienna as part of the occupation forces. He was given a ten day furlough to England and there he met Ursula. When he returned to Winston Salem he proposed by mail and she accepted."

"Harold Cohen , a fellow worker in Winston Salem had served in the Pacific, returned about the same time and the two got together to buy out the J. I. Lessem salvage company here in Fayetteville and changed the name to Cohen & Green. John was the founder of the Fuller School for Exceptional Children, which was the first school of its type to be opened in North Carolina to assist handicapped black children. He was the recipient of one of the highest awards from the Salvation Army because he had done so much so many times for the service. He was very active in the synagogue, he was vice Commander of the American Legion and many other community service organizations. In his later years the scourge of diabetes required the amputation of both legs, but he learned to walk with artificial legs and still remained active".

"Ursula Green came here with John and proceeded to be a part of the leadership of the synagogue. She also was a displaced German, who was shipped off to England with her mother and sister (now Lotte Wertheim) to get away from the Nazi tide. She was always baking and fixing food for every occasion. She was a worker on most every committee and led many other women to do service in Sisterhood and Hadassah. She served many hours as a volunteer at the hospital. One of her annual special 'jobs' was to clean and polish the silver on all of the Torah decorations just before the High Holy Days."

A special meeting between the board of trustees and Rabbi & Mrs. Fried was called to order at 9:45 pm on March 22, 1956. The duties of the Rabbi were read and after some adjustments. The Rabbi reported that it cost him \$800.00 to move here and a motion was made to allow the Rabbi \$400.00 which passed. The request from the Rabbi to have a five week vacation this year and six weeks next year was not approved, but

the board agreed to take the request to the next congregation meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

On March 29, 1956 a meeting of the congregation was held at the Center with 35 members present. Motions were passed; to use the \$5000.00 to pay on the note for the construction of the new rabbi's house. to retain the Hebrew school teacher for the balance of this school year. to pay \$400.00 toward the moving expenses of Rabbi Fried. to give Rabbi Fried five weeks vacation this year and six weeks vacation next year. to hold services at the center with the provision that the Torahs be removed during non-religious activities, and not to renew Reverend Pliner's contract. Monroe Evans was elected chairman of the board and Oscar Vatz was elected to the board to fill A. M. Fleishman's term.

A special meeting of the Beth Israel Congregation was held May 10, 1956 at the center with 26 members present. A motion was made by Dr. Sam Elfmom and seconded by Bernard Stein to allow women to vote at mass meetings. After lengthy discussion an amendment by George Stuhl to allow women to vote at mass meeting ONLY. This was seconded by Bernard Fleishman. The amendment failed with 6 for and 15 against (five did not vote). The motion failed with 9 for and 11 against (six did not vote). The two treasurers reported; Henry Fleishman reported that the building fund owes the bank \$8,000.00 and that \$2,881.00 in pledges are past due. There are no funds in the bank. Harry Satsisky reported that funds are low and asked for people to pay their dues now. Joe Barr, Mr. Balogo, Al Solomon, and Richard Pritchard were voted in as new members. A motion was passed that there be no charge for wedding ceremonies at the center as long as they were cleared by the board of trustees in advance.

The board of directors meeting on June 27, 1956 was held at the home of Henry Fleishman. Most of the meeting was devoted to discussion on the size of the new synagogue and adding a utility room on to the rabbis house.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS DONATED THESE AMOUNTS TO BUILD THE BETH ISRAEL CENTER

D. Blaustein	500.00	Joe Leder	500.00
Robert Baer	500.00	H. Lacob	500.00
Joe Blumenstein	500.00	Louis Lacob	500.00
Dave Brody	500.00	M. Margolis	500.00

Sid Brumberg	500.00	J. Mendelsohn	500.00
Sam D. Bridge	1,500.00	I Mann	500.00
Sam Baer	500.00	M. Malcom	500.00
Harold Cohen	500.00	S. Mendelsohn	500.00
S. Cheplow	500.00	J. Nelson	500.00
Monroe & I. Evans	2,500.00	H. M. Rulnick	500.00
Sam Elfmon	2,000.00	Sol Novin	500.00
H. Edelman	500.00	Harry L. Rulnick	1,000.00
Samuel & Ned Fleishman	500.00	M. Rosenberg	1,000.00
Ed, Maurice &, Leon Fleishman	6,000.00	Mrs. I. Rosenfeld	500.00
Nathan Fleishman	2,000.00	Harry Stein	2,000.00
Morris Fleishman	2,500.00	Stein Estate	5,000.00
Sam M., & Herbert & Ervin Fleishman	2,500.00	Bernard Stein	2,500.00
Harry L. Satsky	2,000.00	Leon Sykes	500.00
A.M. Fleishman	2,500.00	Aaron Satsky	1,000.00
Bernie & Henry Fleishman	2,500.00	George Stuhl	500.00
Harry Fleishman	500.00	H. Shavitz	500.00
Sam & Will Fleishman	500.00	Mrs. Abe Schwartz	1,000.00
Ernest Fleishman	500.00	David Shavitz	2,000.00
L. Fried	500.00	J. Tessler	500.00
Lou Green	2,500.00		
John Green	500.00		
B. Greenberg	500.00	H. Tonkel	500.00
E. Kronsberg	500.00	J. Union	2,500.00
William Kertzman	1,500.00	Oscar Vatz	1,500.00
Herbert Kronsberg	500.00	Alex Waitman	1,000.00
Mike & Harry Kanzer	1,000.00	Zeighouser Estate	1,000.00
Harold Linder	500.00		

Total pledges = \$70,500.00

On July 12 1956 a joint meeting of the new building construction planning committee met with the architects from Greensboro Mr. Hirsh and Mr. Miskelly. Present were A. M. Fleishman, Ed Fleishman, I. Evans, M. Evans, Nathan Fleishman, William Kertzman, Dr. Robert Lessem, John Green, Jerry Union, Julius Nelson, Irving Fleishman, and Henry Fleishman.

Many ideas were discussed. "Should there be one building or two buildings attached or separated? What is adequate cloakroom space? How many seats 375 or 400? We were told that foam rubber seats would cost from \$45.00 each to \$150.00 each and that the building cost would be about \$9.00 per square foot for classrooms and \$15.00 per square for the chapel. A motion was passed to have 440 seats in the main chapel and sixty seats in the small chapel. A motion to build a mikva in the new building was passed. There will be separate heating and air conditioning units for each building. The entrance would be two steps high and the Beema (pulpit) would be three steps up, and there will be an incline up from the front to back in the main chapel. A big hurdle was how to raise the money? Should it be by direct contributions or shall seats be sold in the main chapel? Should the center pledges be doubled? Should we place a bronze plaque in the entrance listing all contributors over \$500.00?" The architects left at 10:15 and the discussion went on until 11:30 pm.

The next board meeting was held at John Green's home on August the second. August the 8th was set for a congregation meeting to vote on the plans for the synagogue and the educational center. The Rabbi was "instructed" to order eighteen talasiam and three gross of skull caps for the High Holy Days.

There were 25 members present at the August 8th meeting. After voting to continue the same practices for the High Holy days, a motion to hold a drive for the new construction on Yom Kippur night was discussed at great length. The final vote was 13 for and 1 against. I guess the others did not vote. Looking back it is really interesting how few it takes to lead a congregation and get things done. It is amazing that the building was built and paid for.

The board of trustees held a meeting on September 12 at the center. The seven members and Rabbi Fried attended. After the treasurer, Harry Satsky, reported that dues payments were coming in slow, A motion was passed that each member who contributed \$1,000.00 or more to the construction of the new synagogue and educational building be inscribed on a plaque in the new building. Each member of the board was assigned a few names of members to be solicited for pledges. A motion by William Kertzman and seconded by Henry Fleishman was passed to give a banquet for the members of the choir who sang during the High Holy days and to have Rabbi & Mrs. Fried as honored guests. A Motion passed to notify Reverend Pliner that his contract was up and that the house on Nimocks avenue had been sold to Mr. Greenberg and that

after September the first he would have to make arrangements with Mr. Greenberg to stay in the house.

A meeting of the building committee was held on September 24, 1956 at the center. John Green, the chairman, reported that we had received a drawing of the layout from our architect and a picture of the proposed building. Discussions were enthusiastic. It was decided to conduct a drive for \$150,000.00 with a minimum pledge of \$500.00 and with no honors or memorials to be sold at this time. The secretary of the committee was Julius Nelson.

On October the fourth the board of trustees met at the center and after much discussion about the new building, and this time it was decided that the Minimum donation be \$1,000.00. A motion passed that when a pledge is made and the board considers the amount the maximum a member can afford, then his name shall be placed on the builders plaque. A motion passed that the congregation pay \$300.00 to the center toward the cost of the janitor, lights, and heat for the use of the center for the Holidays. The sale of aliyahs brought in \$2,100.00 this year as compared to \$1,600.00 last year. It was decided to combine the old building fund with the new building fund.

I received a personal history from Dr. Malcolm Fleishman. He was born in Fayetteville in 1928, the middle son of Hannah & S.M. Fleishman. He received an AB degree in Chemistry in 1950 from UNC in Chapel Hill. He also attended the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill and received his MD degree in 1954. He served one year of internship medicine at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, DC, He then was in residency at the D.C. General Hospital in Washington for several months and transferred to the U.S. Army Medical Research Laboratory at Fort Knox, Kentucky for two years. He served from June 1957 to August 1957 as Chief of the Medical Clinic Cantonment Hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C. He then worked at Duke Hospital and the V.A. Hospital in Durham, N.C. He came back to Fayetteville in 1958 and went into the private practice of Internal Medicine in August of 1958. He was Board qualified in Internal Medicine in 1963. He has served as a contract physician of Internal medicine at Womack Army Medical Center and for the Cumberland County Health Department. He has been a member of the active medical staff of Cape Fear Valley Hospital and Highsmith Rainey Memorial Hospital since 1958. He was Chief of the Department of medicine in the each hospital at times. He has been President of the

Cumberland County Medical Society and the North Carolina Society of Internal Medicine. He has been a member of the various medical societies that embrace his fields of study and he has maintained his AMA Certificate for continuing Medical Education. Somewhere along the line friends started calling him 'Mac' and that nickname has survived. His wife's name is Eleanor, but I have always heard her called "Ellie". They met while he was in Training in Washington and were married at the Willard Hotel in D C. She attended Business School and received a degree in accounting. When they came to Fayetteville she became active in the community. Early on she was secretary of the board of the YMCA. She has been president of The Cape Fear Regional Theater, The Fayetteville Museum of Art, and of the Medical Wives Auxiliary. She has been a docent at the museum for years. She has been on the board of the Methodist College Foundation and the North Carolina Symphony in Fayetteville. She has served as president of the Local Hadassah chapter and the Beth Israel Sisterhood. She was treasurer of Hadassah for years. She is currently on the board of the Community Foundation and Vice Chairman of the Mid-Carolina Council on ageing. And she is an excellent tennis player and plays any and every time she can get a partner. She has volunteered for several years to send out all the cards for all the various contributions to the synagogue. Most days they are a few and many days there are bunches. We need more Ellies.

A congregation meeting was held on October 11, 1956 with thirty members present and the architects Mr. Lowenstein and Mr. Rosenberg. The plans for the building were discussed for an hour and the architects left for Greensboro. Mr. Joe Barr agreed to assist in improving the kitchen in the center. Sixteen members were nominated for the board from which seven are to be elected.

On November the eight a meeting of the board of trustees met with the ladies committee who were Mrs. Leonard Fried, Mrs. Irving Fleishman, and Mrs. Harry Stein representing Hadassah and the sisterhood, to discuss the plans for the new building. Several minor changes were suggested. It was agreed to hold a mass meeting to consider the approval of the final plans on November the twenty-eight. The ballots for the election of the new trustees will be counted just prior to the mass meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.

November 28, 1956 The meeting of the board of trustees of the congregation was called to order by the Chairman A. M. Fleishman. The treasurer was called upon for a report and he "advised that there was

nothing to report of any consequence at this meeting.” The chairman requested that the congregation try to donate more for the UJA for the emergency in Israel. A member suggested that we try to find a better way to get minions for Yahrzeit (ten members for a memorial service on the yearly anniversary of the death of a parent or close family member). The Ballots were counted and those elected were: William Kertzman, A. M. Fleishman, Harry Satsky, Nathan Fleishman, John Green, Henry Fleishman, Monroe Evans, and an alternate Dr. Sam Elfmon. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm and the mass meeting was called to order by the board chairman. (sixty seven people are listed in the minutes who had been waiting for the board meeting to close. I think this was probably the first formal mass meeting of the men and women of the congregation.) Rabbi Fried opened the mass meeting with a prayer. The first subject discussed was that the kitchen was too small. Then the seating for three hundred was not enough. A motion was made to install folding doors so that seating could be extended into the center if needed. It passed 26 for and 16 against. A motion passed to proceed with construction at a cost Of \$125,000.00. adjourned at 11:10 pm.

December 5, 1956 The board of trustees met at the home of John Green. It was decided to have a banquet at the installation of the new board. Motions passed that at the banquet the Rabbi be given a check for \$250.00 for his High Holy Day services and that A. M. Fleishman be given a watch for his many services over the years.

The board went on record to combine the congregation and the center boards, that the new board includes the president and the treasurer of the center to make the combined board nine, all subject to the agreement of the center board and the congregation.

The new officers for 1957 were;

A. M. Fleishman, Chairman

William Kertzman, Vice Chairman in charge of services

Henry Fleishman, First vice chairman, in charge of orthodox services

Nathan Fleishman, Secretary

Monroe Evans, Recording treasurer

John Green, Collecting treasurer

Harry Satsky, Corresponding secretary

And John Green & William Kertzman in charge of property

The chairman appointed Monroe Evans as chairman to prepare a budget for the next year and all members of the board as members of that committee. Adjourned at 11:00 pm signed by Nathan Fleishman, secretary.

On January 16, 1957 a congregation meeting was held and the first motion was to do away with the center board and add the chairman and treasurer of the center to the board of the congregation for a 9 member board. It passed. The next motion passed was to give the Rabbi a \$250.00 donation for the High Holy Day services. The third motion passed was to do everything possible to build the class rooms as soon as possible with the cost not to exceed \$35,000.00.

February 13, 1957 The seven member (the Center board had to approve the consolidation of the boards before we had a nine member board.) meeting of the board was held at the home of Monroe Evans. The budget for 1957 was approved at \$12, 713.42 which included our dues to the United Synagogue of America of \$100.00 and \$300.00 to the center. Actually the year ending statement for 1957 showed that the income for the year was \$17,811.20 and the expenses were \$16,837.36. It was agreed that each class room could be dedicated for \$3,000.00 and must be paid during 1957. A Torah was accepted from Ida Fleishman Tumbler with thanks and the proper honors. Mrs. Tumbler also donated \$1,000.00 toward a classroom. Mrs. I. Rosenfeld donated \$3,000.00 for a classroom. Refreshments were served by Mildred Evans after adjournment at 11:00 pm. Nathan Fleishman secretary.

The next congregation meeting was held on February the twentieth. A motion to reevaluate the dues necessary to operate in 1957 was passed. 10 for and 3 against.. A report from John Green was that the plans should be ready by March first. The recommendation from the board to sell the class rooms for a 1957 donation of \$3,000.00 passed. And A. M. Fleishman was finally presented his watch for his many years of service to the congregation.

On Tuesday March 12, 1957 a board meeting was held at the center. The Chairman read a letter from Rabbi Fried requesting an increase of one thousand dollars a year and a three year contract. After much discussion Henry Fleishman made a motion that was passed that we increase the rabbi's salary \$500.00 per year. (no mention as to the term.) The board was reminded that religious services in the center took preference over any other activity that may be scheduled. John Green reported that the plans were ready to go out for bids. The board with John Green as chairman will act as the committee to approve the bids. A motion to present Sid Brumberg a plaque for his many services to the congregation was passed.

On March 16, 1957 A joint meeting of the congregation and center boards was opened by chairman A. M. Fleishman. Members present representing the congregation were A. M. Fleishman, Henry Fleishman, Nathan Fleishman, William Kertzman, Monroe Evans and John Green and from the center Bernie Fleishman, Marvin Rosenberg, Jack Mendelsohn, Joe Barr, Lil Malkin and Mildred Evans. A motion that the two boards be combined with four members from the center joining the congregation board to make the total eleven was passed. The dues consolidation should be; for a family \$120.00 per year, for a single \$85.00 per year, for an out of town family \$75.00 per year, and for an out of town single \$50.00 per year. In case of hardship, exceptions could be made. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. signed by the Secretary, Mildred Evans.

Tuesday March 19, 1957 a mass meeting of the center and the congregation was called to order by the center chairman Bernard Fleishman. Fifty three members were present. A motion to consolidate the center board and the synagogue board was made and passed. The vote was 38 to 6. Four members of the center board were elected to serve on the synagogue board, namely, Ervin Baer, Richard Pritchard, Lil Malkin and Gwynne Tonkel. It was stipulated that these members could vote only on motions concerning the center operation.

The center meeting was adjourned and the congregation meeting was called to order by the chairman A.M. Fleishman. After the minutes of the last meeting were approved a motion for the congregation to accept the center for consolidation was made and passed 35 to 5. I put these numbers here to show that a number of people did not vote. A letter from Rabbi Phillip Fried asking for A \$1,000.00 a year raise and a three year contract was read. John Green moved that we raise the salary to \$8500.00 per year for a three year contract. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with the recommendation that \$500.00 be given to Mrs. Fried for her participation in the teaching program. (I think this is the first time that anything was passed unanimously by the congregation)

The minutes for this meeting end here. I have copied the letter from A. M. to the Rabbi on the next page.

On Congregation Stationary dated March 22, 1957

Rabbi Phillip Fried
2217 Rock Avenue
Fayetteville, N. C.

Dear Rabbi:

At a meeting held March 19, 1957 at the Beth Israel Center, by the Beth Israel Congregation, with 53 members present, you were duly elected by a unanimous vote to a three year contract at \$8,000.00 per year plus \$500.00 for Mrs. Fried for her services in helping with Hebrew and Sunday school instruction. The \$500.00 voted Mrs. Fried will be paid at the termination of each years contract. This agreement also includes the use of the three bedroom house at 2217 Rock Avenue rent free.

Your duties as Rabbi of our community will be as follows:

Take charge of all rituals on the pulpit, Sunday school, Hebrew school, supervise the sale of meats and fowl, organize Jewish history and Hebrew classes for adults, help maintain a Hebrew Youth Club, to read the Torah when necessary or if not present to arrange someone to read the Torah, to prepare monthly bulletins to be distributed to all members, to perform duties only for Beth Israel Congregation unless specific agreement is granted by the board of trustees at a meeting, notification of Yahrzeit and help call minions for any occasion necessary, maintain the Yahrzeit and bar mitzvoth record book, sick visitation, welcome and invite new members and prospective members for our congregation and all duties that are recorded in our minutes book of March 22, 1956,

With Torah Greetings

Beth Israel Congregation

A. M. Fleishman, Chairman of the Board

On April 29, 1957 the board of directors was called to order at 8:25 with ten members and Rabbi Fried present. The treasurer reported that there are 96 members of the shul and six out of town members of the center. A motion was passed to change the board meetings to be held on the second Monday in each month, to start at 8:00 pm and that the corresponding secretary should send out notices a week prior to each meeting. The new members were assigned jobs. Lil Malkin was to take care of the center calendar and arrange for the hostesses, Richard

Pritchard and Ervin Baer were to take care of programming, and Gwen Tonkel will take care of correspondence. A motion was passed for the use of the center for parties as follows; The responsible party must be a member in good standing, must sign that they will be present and that the center be kept in proper condition. The fee for parties of less than thirty-five children under fourteen years of age is to be \$5.00. The four new members agreed to meet and appoint all committees necessary to operate the center. The minutes were signed by R. W. Pritchard acting secretary.

The May 20, 1957 board of directors meeting was called to order by Monroe Evans at 8:25 pm with twelve people present. John Green presented a proposal from a member who has agreed to donate \$10,000.00 if the two classrooms on the south end of the building be paneled and converted to a chapel. After much discussion a motion to take the proposal under advisement was passed. A motion was made by William Kertzman to put out feelers for bids on the old synagogue seconded by Harry Satsky and it passed.

On June 6, 1957 a meeting of the board was held at the home of Harry Satsky. There were nine members of the board and four guest members present. A motion passed to move all seats, name plaques, the corner stone and all religious objects from the old synagogue before it was offered for sale. A motion by W. Kertzman and seconded by H. Satsky that the dedication of the new building on Morganton road be held Sunday June 16, 1957 at 10:00 am passed. Rabbi Fried and three members of the board were appointed to work out arrangements. W. Ed. Fleishman brought up for discussion the purchase of some 8 acres of land across the road from the present cemetery. The land is valued at \$700.00 per acre or \$5,600.00. A motion by I. Fleishman and seconded by N. Fleishman that we purchase the land for \$5000.00 (if accepted) was carried. A motion to convert two classrooms into a small chapel dedicated to Hyman Fleishman was defeated. Various other housekeeping items were passed for the summer maintenance and to replace some terra cotta sewage pipe with iron pipe. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 pm. Refreshments were served.

The dedication of the hall and six classrooms was held on June 16, 1957 and the cornerstone reads;

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On July 11, 1957 a congregation meeting was held and a formal resolution was passed to borrow \$31, 200.00 with deed of trust security on the property. It was stipulated that the old note would be paid off and the rest be applied to the construction cost of the new classroom wing and hall. A motion by William Kertzman and seconded by John Green was carried that if a second six thousand dollar building fund pledge be made by Ed. Fleishman and his brothers that a memorial plaque inscribed with their father Hyman Fleishman be placed in the new chapel.

A board of trustees meeting was held at the home of A. M. Fleishman on August 20, 1957. Secretary Nathan Fleishman read a letter received from Col. Terry A. Lyon that the legal work in conjunction with the building and the note was a contribution to the congregation. A motion to write a letter of appreciation for his interest and generosity was passed unanimously. The treasurer's report was made by Richard Pritchard in the absence of the treasurer, Monroe Evans. The balance in the Bank was \$499.37. The amount uncollected and due from all dues and pledges is \$7,553.50. A recommendation was made to issue cards for seats for the High Holy Days that would be used for admittance. Seats to be priced the same as last year at \$10.00 single and \$20.00 for family. The general sprucing up was discussed. A request to the sisterhood that one member of the sisterhood be appointed each week to oversee the cleanup of the janitor of the new building. There was a recommendation that the Rabbi's vacation be two weeks with pay for 1958. There was also a list of suggestions prepared to be presented to the Rabbi at the next meeting;

1. That the Rabbi not teach a Sunday school class, but that he supervise the complete Sunday School operation.
2. That his conduct at Brises (the formal circumcision of a male baby) be more in keeping with being the leader of the community.
3. That he is to perform duties only for Beth Israel Congregation unless specific prearrangements (are made) with (the) board in regular meeting.
4. That the Rabbi not spend any money to be reimbursed unless approved by the treasurer in advance
5. That the Rabbi should be present when the center is being prepared for the High Holy Days so that his advice and suggestions may be carried out more effectively.
6. That he try to get the best possible teachers for the Sunday school.
7. That he discuss having a Sunday morning Minion-aire club.

The congregation meeting of August 27, 1957 was called to order By President A. M. Fleishman with 17 members present. The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted. The building committee brought up a problem; the water pipes are so small that only one toilet will flush at a time. After much discussion it was left to the building committee to figure out a solution. A motion was passed to hold a free buffet supper to sell the aliyahs. Joe Barr was appointed chairman to select a committee for the program. For some reason eight people were appointed as ushers for the High Holy Days. Seats are to be sold for the same amount as last year and military personnel are welcome at no charge. A motion that all contributions made by people when called up to the Beema for an Aliyah would be for the congregation, was passed. To explain. It had been the custom that people called up to make the blessing before and after a reading of a portion of the weekly readings from the Torah would make a "Misha Barach" or a contribution either to the rabbi, or the person reading from the Torah, or to the shul (the congregation), or to any specific charity. This motion was so that the rabbi would not receive too much money, particularly because the congregation really needed all the money it could get. A motion that the rabbi be given a thirty day vacation with pay passed. Probably to salve the conscience of those who were withholding money from the rabbi by passing the previous motions.

A meeting of the board was held at the center on September 16, 1957 with seven members of the board and a guest, Joe Barr, present. The treasurer reported that we had very little money on hand, but the income from the High Holy Days would take care of the bills. Various motions about the activities during the High Holy Days services were passed including the one to accept the bids as received on the Aliyahs during the banquet. There was still some who felt that more might be raised by having the auction during the Yom Kippur services as usual. The meeting only lasted an hour and was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

A board of trustees meeting was called to order on October 7, 1957 at 8:30 pm at the center by A. M. Fleishman with seven members present. Guests were Julius Nelson and Richard Pritchard. Richard Pritchard was called on to report on the plans for the center activities for the coming year. He said that several special events were planned but no dates had been set. The treasurer, Monroe Evans, reported that collections for the nine months have been \$13,454.89 and expenses were \$11,506.92 and dues still receivable of \$3,596.00 for the year and \$1,781.00 due from the previous year. The report was accepted. Then

John Green reported on the financial transactions of the building fund and the bank loan. We have borrowed to date \$14,500.00 with \$17,000.00 still available from the bank to complete the construction. A motion to spend \$450.00 to upgrade the bath room facilities was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

The next congregation meeting took up the problem of delinquent members. A motion to notify those members to meet with the board or they will be dropped from the congregation. It was decided to consolidate all of the funds of the congregation into one account for the purpose of economy and audit control. A motion by Irvin Fleishman and seconded by Joe Barr was passed that up to ninety dollars be available to spend for this years Simcha Torah party. There were thirty-four men nominated for the board of directors for the coming year. Three other men declined to serve. The Rabbi was voted a bonus of \$250.00 for his services during the High Holy Day services.

The board of trustees meeting of November 4, 1957 had all members present. Guests were Mrs. Ida Waitman and Julius Nelson. The treasurer's suggestion that purchase order numbers be required before any purchase by anybody was passed. A motion to allow the B'nai B'rith to operate a bar at their affair on November 22 passed. Motions to have all Sunday School collections and all Yahrzeit plaque collections be turned over to the congregation treasurer were passed. From the minutes of the time, it seems that each activity was keeping it's funds separate in separate bank accounts. Gradually all money from all activities were consolidated into one treasury except the Federated Charities. After a discussion on the idea of having flowers on the Beema for Sabbath services the board voted to be neutral. It was decided that a page in the next bulletin would announce that the construction of the classrooms and the chapel would be completed shortly and the rooms were available for dedication. In order to qualify to dedicate a room it will be required that the donor will have donated at least an equal amount to the general fund.

A general meeting of the congregation, men and women, was held on November 25, 1957 at the center. After the minutes were read, Monroe Evans, treasurer announced that the treasury was out of money and requested that all members please send in as much as they can on the balance due. The building committee announced that our architect Mr. Lowenstein had inspected the new structure of the classrooms and had turned the building over today at 3:00 pm. A rising vote of thanks with

all kinds of congratulations to the building committee John Green and William Kertzman was passed. Since the furnishing of the classrooms is to be done by the sisterhood the chairman instructed the secretary to notify the sisterhood committee Mrs. Charlotte Fleishman and Mrs. Edith Mendelsohn that the rooms are ready. A motion to allow the Jewish Welfare Board to use the center on Saturday night November 21, 1957 was passed. The newly elected board of the congregation was A. M. Fleishman, W Kertzman, Harry Satsky, John Green, Monroe Evans, Henry Fleishman, and Sam Elfmon and the newly elected center board was Ervin Baer, Richard Pritchard, Mrs. Samuel Mendelsohn and Mrs. A. M. Fleishman.

On December 9, 1957 the board of trustees meeting was held at the center with eleven members present. The building committee reported that the architect had submitted a bill for \$1,800.00 for his work on the classroom addition. All agreed that it was very gracious of the architect. The new officers elected for 1958 were A. M. Fleishman chairman, W. Kertzman vice chairman, Harry Satsky secretary with Dave Shavitz as assistant and Monroe E. Evans as treasurer.

The meeting of the building committee on January 8th discussed several interesting items. The advertisement booklet that was planned to raise money was held in disfavor by several people and the decision was to let the congregation decide at the next meeting. The sisterhood reported that they had purchased 40 chairs for our classrooms through the Fayetteville Public Schools at a much reduced price, thanks to Mr. Reid Ross, superintendent of public schools .

The congregation meeting of January 15, 1958 did not have a quorum.

The board met on February 12, 1958. After the minutes and the treasurers report were approved, a motion was passed to make the minimum dues for newly married couples \$60.00 per year for the first two years. A committee of three married couples was appointed to contact all the non-member Jewish couples in town. It was voted to put new locks on all outside doors of the center. It was also voted to allow use of the center for children's parties for the afternoon for \$5.00, for the evening until 10:00 pm \$ 10.00, and until 12:00 pm for \$12.00. The parents are to be fully responsible for their children's parties. \$25.00 was voted to be given to the janitor as a Chanukah gift.

On February 19, 1958 a B'nai B'rith meeting was held. After that a congregation meeting was held and then a joint center and congregation meeting was held. The various motions about dues and use of the center hall were ratified by the joint group. Monroe Evans was recognized as having received the B'nai B'rith brotherhood award of the year. The last meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

I met with Harry Rulnick and this is what we recalled of the activities of our B'nai B'rith chapter here. We sort of rambled and that's the way I'll write it up. For many years about the only fund raiser has been the sale of calendars. They are regular calendars that start in the month each year which correspond to the Jewish year and start with the High Holy days. The Jewish months and day and the time of day to light candles on Shabbat and holidays are noted on the top of each day and the significant days to the people of the congregation on the bottom, such as birthdays, and the anniversaries of weddings and Yahrzeits. For a number of years it also listed the name of the reading from the Torah for each Shabbat. Dues are paid to the district offices and the local chapter gets a portion of that. The money is used to contribute to the Anti-Defamation League of North Carolina, Hillel, the eastern region of the North Carolina BBYO, the B'nai B'rith Foundation, the local BBYO and for occasional other local projects. The big local project we recalled was furnishing a room at the local Veterans Hospital.

Through the years the chapter has participated in the 'Adopt a Highway Project', the individuals have assisted the local hospital, the police and sheriffs office by volunteering on Christmas so that others could get off work. We have participated in conducting children's parties and collected gifts for the patients at the Veterans Hospital. The chapter also sponsors the Sunday morning "Breakfast with the Rabbi" so that morning prayers may be recited together. Then we have breakfast

together and listen to a local speaker talk about current interesting subjects. Bruce Baer and his wife Marcy have has been the main stay in getting the food prepared and finding the speaker. The Chapter awarded the Brother Hood Award locally for many years and sponsored a "Man of the Year" award.

We have had four members serve as the state of North Carolina president of B'nai B'rith. They were; Irving Fleishman, Harry Rulnick, Morris Cohen, and Julius Nelson. Harry served on the district grand lodge five years and as president. He also was on the International board of governors and the Adult Jewish Education Commission living-room learning group.

The lodge has been named the 'Best Small Lodge' in district 5 for sixteen years. Several members served in the military during World War II. Those that we could recall were Irving Barker, Bernie Bender, Leon Blaustein, Harold Cohen, Albert Stein Dembo (he was killed in service and the chapter was named after him), Dr. Sam Elfmon, Monroe Evans, John Green, Eddie Kronsberg, Jack Mendelsohn, Sam Mendelsohn, Bernard Rose, Harry Rulnick, Bernie Szabo. I apologies if I have left someone off.

At the board of trustees meeting on April 9, 1958 the treasurer reported that there was barely enough money in the bank to pay current bills. The building fund treasurer also reported that collections were slow. Additional cemetery land has been purchased for \$5,000.00 to be paid at \$1,000.00 per year with no interest. A motion to sand the floor of the stage and to repair the piano was passed.

On May 21, 1958 a congregation meeting was called to trade small pieces of property so that our neighbor C. O. Smith could build a two car garage on his property. The trade was authorized.

At the June 5, 1958 meeting a motion was passed to post a list of all members in good standing on the bulletin board.

On August 14, 1958 after the minutes and treasurer's report were made A motion was passed to pay Sid Brumberg \$125.00 per year for his services to the congregation and that it be applied to his dues. It was decided to sponsor a supper Sunday evening before the High Holy Days to sell the aliyahs. The seats will be sold for the same amount as last year. Three gross of yarmulkes were to be ordered for the High Holy Days.

A request that the old synagogue be used for the wedding of Mrs. Dave (Celia) Shavitz's daughter was approved, providing she pay all expenses of preparing the building and cleaning up after the affair. A motion to request the sisterhood to sponsor a banquet to welcome Rabbi Tavel the new Chaplin to Fort Bragg was approved. Henry Fleishman made a suggestion that we call for a vote of the congregation to decide if the women should be allowed to sing in the choir for the High Holy Days. (No vote seems to have been taken.) Richard Pritchard's suggestion that the center give a free dance as soon after the Holidays as possible was approved.

A congregation meeting was held on August 21, 1958 with 19 members present. After much discussion a closed ballot was called to vote on the question of having a mixed choir or not for the High Holy Days. The vote was 16 for, 2 against and 1 abstained.

At a congregation meeting held on September 17, 1958 a committee of seven members was appointed to reevaluate dues and charges. The treasurer reported that for the first time in years we are in the black at this time of year. The building committee treasurer requested that all pledges be paid now as the note is due. A request that the Jewish Welfare Board be allowed to use the center for a Yom Kippur night party for the military was approved.

At the board meeting of October 2, 1958 a recommendation (for the next congregation meeting) that we eliminate the mishna barack (donations for a blessing when called to the Torah) and that a flat fee be charged. It was also recommended that new rules for the board be adopted and that the opening affair at the center be free, no charge for bingo, food or to play cards.

A Beth Israel congregation meeting was convened at 8:45 pm on October 28, 1958. A letter of resignation from Rabbi Fried was read dated October the eighth. S. Belaga made a motion, seconded by H. Zall that a committee meet with the Rabbi and offer him a substantial raise to stay here. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm in respect for the death today of our member, Edwin Fleishman.

A congregation meeting was held on October 30, 1958. The building fund treasurer, Julius Nelson, made an urgent plea for payment of pledges. Sixteen men were nominated for the board for next year.

There was a mass meeting held on December 10, 1958 at the center. Bernard Milgram took minutes as acting secretary. There were only fourteen members present. The only business was the election of four members to the board representing the center. They were Doris Rulnick, Wilhelmina Mendelsohn, Reba Belaga, and Harold Linder with Flora Rulnick as an alternate. The meeting was adjourned at ten pm.

The board of trustees held a meeting on January 12, 1959 at the home of A. M. Fleishman. Eleven members were present. The treasurers report by M. Evans showed that for

	1957	1958
Dues	11,413.00	11, 150.00
Aliyahs	870.00	1,380.00
Total Income	13,446.42	14,594.27
Total Expenses	11,498.45	14,012.48

The new elected officers for 1959 were;

A.M. Fleishman Chairman

Henry Fleishman vice chairman Orthodox

Joe Barr & Monroe Evans co-vice chairman conservative

And to work out schedules for Hebrew & Sunday school

Harold Linder treasurer

George Stuhl recording secretary

Julius Nelson corresponding secretary

A mass meeting was called to order on January 27, 1959 with 45 people present. Julius Nelson, treasurer of the building committee reported that many people were unhappy because they understood that their pledges were made to build a sanctuary instead of class rooms. Most of the people present voiced their opinion and finally it was agreed that 35 percent of the pledges would be paid as soon as possible and that the yearly payments should be paid three years in advance so that we could proceed with the plans and construction of a sanctuary. A motion to bring in Rabbi's for trial Shabbat services and interviews by the board was passed.

A special meeting for the purpose of electing a new Rabbi was called to order at 8:15 pm on March 4, 1959. Twenty people were present. After a lengthy and through discussion Rabbi Ucko was elected for one year at a salary of \$7,500.00 for him and \$500.00 for his wife for a total of \$8,000.00 as requested by Rabbi Uko. The vote was by raised hand and it was unanimous.

A motion by Joe Barr and seconded by Ed. Fleishman that the congregation sponsor a banquet in honor of Chaplain & Mrs. Tavel for the marriage of their daughter and for his assistance during our period without a rabbi.

The board meeting of March 24, 1959 was held at the center with 9 members of the board present. A committee was appointed to work with the sisterhood to have a banquet honoring Barbara Tavel..

It was decided to notify the teachers, who we had been paying to teach Hebrew and Sunday school while we were without a Rabbi, that we would not need them when Rabbi Ucko took over as our rabbi. A letter of thanks from the congregation was to be sent each teacher. Since there were no funds in the congregation budget to buy furniture for the new Rabbi, Chairman Fleishman appointed a committee to work with the committee from the ladies to assist the Ukos to furnish their house.

At the April meeting discussion continued on the pledges made for the building fund. One motion was that since about 50 percent of the pledged money had been spent, and many were unhappy, that we cancel 50 percent of the pledges and have another drive when we are ready to build the sanctuary. Another motion was that anyone who prepaid their pledge we give a 5% discount because that is what we are paying in interest on the loan. Both passed. The board voted to pay the moving expenses of Rabbi Uko.

The next meeting of the board was on August 18, 1959. Irving Fleishman appeared representing the new "Beth Israel school parent-teachers association" with a request that school funds be kept in a separate bank account. The board agreed. The board recommended that misha bayruks [contributions for blessings from people called to the Torah] only be recited if asked for. Heretofore, when one was given the honor to be called to make the blessings for the reading of the Torah, the reader would recite a blessing for the family of the honoree and ask how much would they give for charity. Usually a few dollars were pledged to the synagogue or sometimes a gift to the rabbi. Now the person called would have to ask for the blessing. Over the years since then the blessings are still recited, but no money is given.

The congregation meeting of September 16, 1959 approved the sale of aliyahs as they were sold at the September the ninth auction.

The report from the new Parent Teachers school group was that they wanted a rule that it be mandatory that all children over the age of 8 attend the religious school four days a week. There was no action on this recommendation. A motion to allow Military personnel to be members for \$60.00 per year or \$5.00 per month passed.

At the October 10, 1959 board meeting, Irving Fleishman reported that Rabbi and Mrs. Ucko were doing an excellent job teaching the children; and the children in the religious school were doing fine. Stanley Tesler appeared before the board to protest that Funds given in memorial to honor his father, Jack Tesler, to purchase new prayer books which had been used to purchase used prayer books and one could see that the new inscription was placed over the old inscriptions. A motion was immediately made and passed to buy new books and new inscriptions be put in then to perpetuate the memory of Jack Tesler. A motion that up to \$100.00 may be spent on the Simcha Torah party this year was passed. There was a recommendation to go before the congregation to increase the board number from seven to eleven so that we may get younger members to serve on the board.

The congregation meeting of October 21, 1959 was called to order at 8:30 pm. with eighteen members and the Rabbi present. There was a discussion about delinquent dues and pledges. Several motions were made with the final decision to publish a list of members in good standing each year and that the list should be placed on the bulletin board. A motion to amend the by-laws so that we would elect eleven members to the board of trustees annually was passed so that a notice could be sent to all members that we would vote on the amendment at the next meeting. Ervin Baer offered to mimeograph the constitution and by-laws so that each member could have a copy. The offer was immediately accepted with thanks. A motion that the Rabbi not attend the board of trustees meetings unless invited was defeated.

The congregation meeting of November 18, 1959 only had 48 percent of the membership present whereas a quorum was 50 percent so they could not vote on the change to the by-laws.

The December third meeting of the board had all seven members present. After much discussion it was ordered that six members of the congregation be suspended because of non-payment of dues. The treasurer, Harold Linder, was instructed to write a letter to each notifying them. The board recommended that the Rabbi print a monthly bulletin

to contain such information that may be of interest to the membership including Yahrzeits. A report was made to the board that there has been a greater attendance at the center open house every Tuesday. There were regular bingo games with prizes, groups met to play cards, the sisterhood sold sandwiches and drinks, and people just met and sat around and visited. There was no other place in the city for this kind of group fellowship and many of the congregation really enjoyed the activities at the center. December the 17th was set for the meeting of the Chevra Chadisa (the burial society). Meeting adjourned at 10:30, signed by the secretary George Z. Stuhl.

Martin H. Wertheim was born in Hamburg, Germany and came to the US in 1928. He got a job in Tottenville, N.J. and then In Philadelphia, PA as a buyer of scrap metal. He had learned the business in Germany. *He wrote, "I was able to get my parents, sisters and brothers-in-law out of Germany. My Parents went to Switzerland and after my father died there my mother came to Fayetteville. I entered the army in 1942 and was trained as an 'X-ray Tech' at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington and took my basic training in Virginia. I served as a Staff Sergeant in X-ray in England and France with the 90 th General Hospital. After the war I became the Carolina representative for a New York hospital supply company. I met Nurse Lotte Cohen at the Highsmith Memorial Hospital in Fayetteville and we were married in 1948 and lived in Charlotte for a few years. We have two children. Our son is a doctor and our daughter is a pharmacist. After retiring from sales, I started a business of buying old used X-ray film and reselling them to recover the silver. I have been the treasurer of Beth Israel for 25 years and a volunteer at Highsmith-Rainy memorial Hospital for 25 years. I am also a member of the Beth Israel Burial Society."*

Lotte Wertheim. "I was born in Germany. After the Kristallnacht (night of the broken glass), my sister, Ursula Green and I were lucky to get a 'Kinder Transport' to England, thanks to our first grade teacher who arranged permission for three transports. She could have stayed in England with us, but was so devoted to Germany that she returned and perished in a camp. I will never forget Fraulein Hirsch and still say Yizkor (memorial service) for her. I became an RN (registered Nurse) and a midwife and ran the Emergency Room in a London East End hospital during the Battle of Briton in WW II. Mother left Germany on a domestic permit. We found her in London. Since she was classified as an enemy alien she was interned on the Isle of Man and Ursula went with her. Ursula Married John Green after the war. I and my mother immigrated to Fayetteville to join my sister. I was working at Highsmith Hospital as an RN and was introduced to Martin Wertheim by the hospital administrator, Dougald Clark. We married and lived in Charlotte. We returned to Fayetteville in 1959. I was a childbirth Educator at the southeastern University in Lumberton and also at the Sandhills Community

On January 6, 1960 the meeting was called to order at 8:55 pm. The results of the election for members of the board were A. M. Fleishman, Irvin Fleishman, Ervin Baer, H. L. Rulnick, Harold Linder, Julius Nelson, and Henry Fleishman. A. M. was elected chairman and announced that he would not like to serve in 1960. Then Irving Fleishman was elected chairman and A.M. agreed to serve as co-chairman. Ervin Baer was elected Secretary, and Harold Linder, treasurer.

The four elected to the center board were Sadie Tesler, Sid Brumberg, Herbert Fleishman, and Edith Mendelsohn.

On January 13, 1960 a joint meeting of the Beth Israel Congregation board and center board was called to order at the home of the chairman, Irving Fleishman at 8:45 pm. All twelve members were present. Harold Linder suggested that a budget be prepared so that the congregation could analyze the dues structure and study ways to increase income. They proceeded to work on Harold's records and came up with a plan to present. They then decided to do the same thing with the center operations. Ervin Baer made a motion, seconded by A. M. Fleishman to budget \$600.00 for 1960 for center activities and that the center be allowed to use all income from center activities for other center activities. There was considerable discussion. The motion to allow the income to be used for center activities had to be reworded several times to get a yes vote. It was announced that Bertram Fleishman and his wife had donated \$1,000.00 for a memorial plaque honoring his father, Edwin Fleishman.

At the February 3rd meeting of the board the budget discussion was continued and a meeting was set to explore further. Mrs. Sam Cheplow made a donation to buy a Chuppa (a tent like cover to be held over the couple during their marriage ceremony).

The budget planning session met again with the full board at Harold Linder's office on February the eighth. \$1,000.00 was voted to assist the Chevra Kadisha to purchase land for the cemetery. The Rabbi reported that the unveiling of the plaques for the classrooms will be held Sunday February 14, 1960. It was voted to accept three pedestal fans from Herman Hollerman as his dues for 1960. After much discussion the board voted to notify the JWB that they were not the sponsor of the Sunday morning brunches and that the congregation was the sponsor and that they should so advertise. Sam Mendelsohn was appointed to clarify

the situation with the JWB. (It seems that the JWB was taking credit for our program.)

The congregation meeting of February 24, 1960 was called to order at 8:25 pm with 36 members present. Julius Nelson requested that all requests for janitorial work go to him. No one should ask the janitor to do any work not assigned by the house committee. Harold Linder presented the new budget and a motion was made to postpone the acceptance until the next meeting of the congregation so that a mimeographed copy can be distributed to each member. (there was no such thing as a copy machine in those days.) That motion was defeated and the budget as prepared was adopted. Several motions were made to increase dues which were defeated. Finally a motion to make the minimum dues \$160.00 per year which would include the cost of seats for the High Holy Days was passed. (No more special assessments for seats for the High Holy Days.) Several motions were made to elect the rabbi for two years at various salary increases. He had asked for an increase of \$100.00 per month. The first motion was to meet the request and it was defeated. The next was for an increase of \$500.00 per year and that was defeated. Finally a motion to elect the rabbi for two years at \$9,200.00 per year and that the whole board of trustees go over his duties as per the constitution and by-laws of the congregation was passed. The board was authorized to sell the old synagogue building to J. B. Stein for \$16,000.00. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm. Ervin Baer Secretary

The reason the building was sold (he really did not buy it) to Bernard Stein was that the elders of the synagogue would not sell the building to be used as a church. He was acting as a middleman so that should a church want to buy they could now buy the building from Bernard.

The next board meeting was called to order on March 10, 1960 with six members present and Rabbi Ucko. Irvin Fleishman, Chairman, requested permission to purchase a pamphlet on Conservative Judaism to be sent to each member of the congregation at a cost of three cents each to be paid by the congregation. The request was passed. The board went through the duties of the rabbi with rabbi Ucko, then went into executive session (the Rabbi left the room) and voted to offer the two year contract as proposed at the congregation meeting (the vote was 4 to 1). The Rabbi was invited back into the meeting and again they went over article 8 of the by-laws "the Duties of the Rabbi" and finally Rabbi Ucko accepted the offer. It was decided that all changes in decorations,

moving of furniture and equipment for changes in use of the center building for social affairs or religious use should be cleared with the building & grounds committee before anything is done.

At the congregation meeting held on March 23, 1960 a motion was made to convert the present building to a chapel and build a new center building. That was defeated and they agreed to continue with plans for the new sanctuary. Sadie Tesler invited all members to attend the center activities on Tuesday nights. Members could come in and play cards, have a snack, play mahjong, or play bingo. She announced that a children's evening was planned for at least once a month on Saturday night. (During that period the center really was the center of Jewish activity in the community.)

A special meeting of the board was called on April 25, 1960 where it was decided to call for bids on the construction of the sanctuary and to investigate financing the construction with a bank loan. (This was instead of having to pay regular payments as on a mortgage.)

A special meeting of the board was held at the Vemco Music Company office (A. M. Fleishman's business) on April 28. They discussed the construction and the financing. The only motion that passed was to hold the Federated Charities Fund drive in the fall.

The May board of trustees meeting resolved the misunderstanding that the funds set up for the center activities should be turned over to the center treasurer for disbursement. They announced that a "cash collection party" would be held at the center on May the 19th to attempt to collect pledges in arrears on the new sanctuary.

The Board meeting of June 14, 1960 had six members present. They voted to change the fiscal year to begin September 1st and end on August 31st. Then they passed a motion that all dues were due each year before the High Holy Days and must be paid in order for members to attend the holy day services. (I am sure that this was just wishful thinking and that people still paid dues as they wished. Today in 2001 a number of members pay their annual contributions in December.) It was announced that Martin Wertheim had donated an air conditioner for the small chapel. All expressed appreciation. The salary of the janitor, Dan Covington, was increased to \$45.00 per week which included taking care of the down town building as long as necessary.

The August 16, 1960 meeting was called to order with seven members, John Green, chairman of the building committee and Rabbi Ucko present. Chairman Irving Fleishman brought up the question of charging for the use of the center for a weddings and not charging for the use for a bar-mitzvah. The difference was defined in that the bar-mitzvah was part of the religious service, but if there was a special party or if a dance was held for a bar-mitzvah then there would be the regular charge. It was resolved that the teachers of Sunday school must attend Friday night services. (I am sure that they did not enforce that, because good teachers are hard to find.)

At the board of Trustees meeting on August 23, 1960 there was a motion made that the congregation be asked to contribute to an Aliyah which would be designated the Community Aliyah to be presented to the deserving member as determined by the board of trustees. The motion passed. The first recipient was Dr. Phil Coblentz. Each year since then this has been one of the most prized awards of the congregation. The name is kept secret until after the sixth portion of the reading of the Torah "Shishi" on Yom Kippur is called. Usually the chairman of the board reads a history of the activities which caused the board to select this person for this honor. As the years passed more than one person was so honored because it was difficult to select only one. The list of members through the year 2001 follows

1960	Dr. Phillip Coblentz
1961	John Green & William Kertzman
1962	Joe Blumenstein & Julius Nelson
1963	Dave Shavitz, Dr. Sam Elfinon, Harry Satsisky, & J. B. Stein
1964	Alex Waitman
1965	W. Edward Fleishman
1966	A. M. Fleishman
1967	Gerald Waitman
1968	Eli Baer
1969	Mr. Hyman Fleishman & Mrs. Kalman Stein
1970	Bernard Milgram
1971	Joe Barr
1972	George Stuhl & Rivka Rosenfeld
1973	Edward & Muriel Kronsburg
1974	Sam Boxer
1975	Ursula Green, Ida Waitman, Fannie Satsisky, & Flora Rulnick
1976	Ervin Baer

1977	Rabbi Henry Ucko
1978	Martin Wertheim
1979	Ursula Green
1980	Joe Blumenstein
1981	Michael Green
1982	Rose Parsek
1983	In Memory of Joe Blumenstein, Joe Barr, & Ellie Ucko
1984	Joel Schur
1985	Harry Rulnick
1986	Morris Passar
1987	Kaye Green
1988	Harold Cohen
1989	Monroe Evans
1990	Isadore Bernstein
1991	Dr. Joel Fleishman
1992	Sondra Pritchard
1993	Gerald Waitman
1994	Martin & Lotte Wertheim
1995	Irving Barker
1996	Marcia Schur
1997	Herbert Fleishman
1998	Terri union Zukowski
1999	Jerry Parsek
2000	Ronald Green
2001	Monroe Evans

The price of seats for non members for the High Holy Days was set at \$35.00 per person or \$70.00 per family except for military personnel who are welcomed at no charge. (There goes the “included in dues” policy that was passed in February of 1960.) The board voted that On Kol Nidre night the kick off drive for the building of a new sanctuary would be held.

On August 25, 1960 a special meeting of the congregation was called to meet with architect Ed Lowenstein to go over the plans for the new synagogue building. After the discussion a motion by Bernard Stein and seconded by Lester Wolfe that the architect be authorized to proceed with the plans and specifications of the building was passed. Twenty two voted for and no one voted no. (There was a sign up sheet for all present to sign and there were thirty nine signatures on the list. Which means that seventeen did not vote.)

The board of trustees held a meeting on September the 13th to discuss High Holy Day services. A motion that seats for house quests of members be \$10.00 for adults and \$20.00 per family was passed. Then they talked about seat tickets to be printed and about sending letters to members to collect the \$35.00 per seat. They asked the ushers to keep a record of attendance of non-members. But that would be a problem because one is not allowed to write on the holy days. There is no record as to what happened about the collection for the seats. In previous years at the old synagogue, there was a committee who waited in the back of the shul for people to pay for their seats after the last services of Yom Kippur.

At the September 22, 1960 board meeting a motion to allow the Lewis Solomon family from Conway, S. C. to be a full member for \$100.00 per year because of the distance they lived from Fayetteville passed.

The meeting of the board on October the 20 1960 had six members of the board, Sid Brumberg and Herbert Fleishman in attendance. Harold Linder reported that \$2,200.00 was received from the sale of aliyahs for the Holy days. It was announced that the Center would open for the season on October 25, 1960 at 7:30 pm with a buffet dinner at a cost of \$1..50 per person which would include the bingo game after the meal.

On October 26, 1960 a meeting of the congregation was called to order by Irving Fleishman. Julius Nelson reported that the building fund now had pledges totaling \$116,225.00. Nominations for the new boards were made, fifteen for the board of trustees and six for the center.

The records seem to have gotten mixed up about this time and the next meeting of the board was opened at 9:30 pm on December 7, 1960 to count the ballots. Fifty-eight ballots were received. The members elected were A. M. Fleishman, Irving Fleishman, Ervin Baer, Julius Nelson, Monroe Evans, Harold Linder and H. L. Rulnick with Henry Fleishman as the alternates. The Center board was Gerald Waitman, Sid Brumberg, and Joel Schur.

The board met again on December 13, 1960 to elect new officers and re-elected the same officers; Co-chairman, Irving Fleishman and A. M. Fleishman, Secretary, Ervin Baer and Treasurer, Harold Linder. John Green reported that the drawings and specifications of the new building were ready and the bid opening was set for January 17, 1961. A motion

was passed to display the plans and specifications in the center for examination by the congregation and to call a special meeting of the congregation for January the eighteenth to discuss the bids. The board voted to grant non-paying membership to Mr. & Mrs. Ginsberg and to Mr. & Mrs. Max Blaustein.

A meeting of the congregation was called to order on January 18, 1961. After the minutes of previous meetings were read and approved, the next order of business was to present the financial statements. Harold Linder had prepared comparative statements for the past three years showing budgets of fifteen, eighteen and nineteen thousand dollars. John Green reported that the low bids totaled \$158,575.00 for the cheapest alternate construction. A motion was then made that the congregation launch a drive for \$200,000.00 for financing the remodeling of the center and building a new sanctuary. The motion passed, 33 for and 5 against. Pledge cards had been prepared and the drive was started. Sidney Brumberg reported on the center activities and made the recommendation that the Tuesday night programs be changed to Saturday night. The shift in nights was approved.

February 15, 1961. The board of trustees met with a representative from the architectural firm and several members of the congregation. Various changes were suggested in the plans and finally the architect was asked to do everything possible to reduce the cost of the construction to under \$150,000.00 by the bid deadline date of March the first.

At the next board meeting on February the twenty-fifth, the primary concern was how to proceed. Bernard Stein had not been able to sell the old shul building. Remember it was to be sold to him for \$16,000.00 so he could resell the building for any use. It had not sold. A motion to offer it for sale at \$10,000.00 was defeated. A motion to offer it for sale at \$12,000.00 passed. A motion that all pledges previously made be cancelled as of January the first 1961 and the new drive be based on a yearly commitment. After much discussion the motion was tabled. So the meeting ended with no recommendation to the congregation.

At the congregation meeting Irving Fleishman informed the group that we just did not have enough money pledged to undertake the building project. So far the pledges were;

1. 32 members pledged over \$1000.00
2. 29 members pledged \$1000.00

3. 14 members pledged under \$1000.00
4. 34 members had made no pledges at all

A plea was made to raise the pledges so that we could afford the construction. Harold Cohen made a motion to offer to sell the old synagogue for \$10,000.00 and it passed. A motion by Henry Fleishman that we convert the center to a synagogue seconded by Jack Mendelsohn was defeated. It was moved by Dr. Sam Elfmon and seconded by Marvin Rosenberg that a vote of confidence be extended to the board of trustees and that the architects be requested to prepare plans for a more conventional type structure and that we continue to pursue a new synagogue. The motion passed.

A called meeting of the board of trustees was opened at 10:30 am on March 19, 1961. Irving Fleishman reported that he and A.M. Fleishman had contacted the members of the congregation and changed the pledges from a ten year period to a fifteen year period and also gained additional pledges to total \$190,000.00.

He also reported that he had called a meeting with the building committee, the architect, and the low bidder on the construction. After several changes were made in the contract and although only three members Irving, A. M. and Julius Nelson, of the seven member board, were present, along with John Green, Bill Kertzman, Sid Brumberg, and Gerald Waitman of the building committee, they entered into a contract for the construction of the sanctuary for the congregation.

The minutes of the congregation meeting which was held on March 22, 1961 recorded that there were twenty nine men and six women present. Irvin Fleishman reported at great length of the letting of the contract for construction. Harold Cohen moved (no name of who seconded) that the board be given a vote of confidence and it passed. Harold Linder and Monroe Evans tendered their resignation from the board because they did not have the time necessary to devote to the job. The persons who had received the next highest votes at the election were then appointed to the board. Both Joe Blumenstein and Henry Fleishman accepted. Irvin Fleishman, on request, presented an approximate status; cost of building \$119,000.00, heating and air conditioning \$14,600.00, Electrical \$15,000.00, architect's fee \$9,000.00 for a total of \$157,600.00. A resolution was passed giving the board authority to borrow money for the construction secured by a mortgage on the property.

At the next meeting of the congregation held on May 24, 1961 John Green reported that construction was going forward satisfactorily. Julius Nelson, the building fund chairman, reported that \$21,387.00 had been collected and that \$22,000.00 had been paid to the contractor. It was resolved to send a letter in memorial honoring Harry L. Rulnick for his dedication and work for the congregation to Mrs. H.L. Rulnick. Joe Barr being next in line to fill the vacancy on the board agreed to serve. Several motions were made in regard to the publication of a dedication booklet. They were;

1. To solicit funds from manufacturers who supplied goods to the members, that was defeated.
2. To solicit funds only from members, defeated also.
3. To solicit funds only from members of our faith, defeated.
4. Finally, the motion that we have a dedication booklet passed.
5. Then a motion that the booklet contain advertising. That was defeated.
6. Then a motion that solicitation for adds only be from members of our faith and that passed.

At the board meeting of June 27, 1961 Julius Nelson reported that so far \$30,637.50 had been paid to the general contractor, \$2,500.00 to the architects, and \$1804.40 paid to the air conditioner contractor. The Building fund finance committee requested that all pledges be verified so that collection schedules can be monitored. A deed of trust shows that \$100,000.00 was borrowed from Branch Banking and Trust Company on July 14, 1961 and that the loan was paid off on September 10, 1975. All the members of the board signed the deed of trust.

The August 9, 1961 board meeting set up the needs to prepare for the High Holy Days. September the third was set to have a party and sell aliyahs.

At the August 23rd congregation meeting John Green announced that only \$2,000.00 additional charges had been authorized during construction and that the interior of the building would be completed by September the 3rd.

At the board meeting of September 11, 1961 Israel Mann reported that a Jewish person who had been confined at McCain Sanitarium with TB was to be released as the disease was arrested and he asked that the congregation help the man to get back to his home in St' Louis. Joe Barr

volunteered to raise the money needed. The JWB notified us that there were approximately 500 Jewish personnel at Fort Bragg and the board voted to have a social on November the 4th "to extend our hospitality to the Military personnel." Everyone was asked to contribute \$5.00 to purchase the community Aliyah. A. M. Fleishman, Rabbi Ucko and Joe Barr as sub-chairman in charge of seating and interior furnishings were appointed to meet with the Architect to make the selection for the Beema (the pulpit) and the Orin Kodish (the arc to hold the Torahs). The board recommended that upholstered seats be purchased instead of the wooden benches we had been using.

On September 13th a board meeting was called to discuss the selling of memorials in the new building. They decided to call a special congregation meeting for September the 17th at 4 pm to decide on how to proceed. And guess what? There were no minutes found for September 17th.

The October 25th meeting of the congregation was called to discuss the interior furnishings. The sisterhood agreed to pay for the carpeting. It was agreed that 300 theater type seats be purchased if 150 were sold to members for \$50.00 each. Seats could only be sold to members who had paid building fund pledges up to date. Each seat sold would have the name on a little brass plate of the purchaser. (The required number of seats were sold.) Nominations for both boards were made.

At the December 14, 1961 meeting Chaplain Wise of Fort Bragg voiced his appreciation on behalf of the military personnel and their families for the hospitality the congregation has extended to them. Mrs. Harry Stein presented a landscape plan which was approved as the long range plan for the synagogue and center grounds. The Seven members elected for the board of trustees for the coming year were A. M. Fleishman, Irvin Fleishman, Joe Blumenstein, Julius Nelson, Joe Barr, Henry Fleishman, and Ervin Baer. The center board members were Mort Union and Lester Wolff. The building was complete, but there were many problems with Leaks in the roof and water coming in over the thresholds. Several dates

were set for dedication but it was 1963 before there was a formal dedication and the corner stone was in place and this is the way it looks

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At the board of trustees meeting of January 7, 1962 they read and approved the minutes then they postponed the election of officers because there were more pressing issues. The architect scheduled January the 17th for the final inspection of the building. A motion (no names given by whom) was made and passed to erect a large bronze plaque in the foyer of the sanctuary with the names of the architect, the builder, the board of trustees, the building committee, and the donors to the building. Francis Stein and Charlotte Fleishman presented the plans for the proposed driveway and parking area so that the board could proceed with that phase of the landscaping. The price set for members in good standing to use the center hall was \$15.00 per day for the hall and \$25.00 if the kitchen is used.

At the February 27th meeting of the board of trustees a contract to pave the driveway and the parking lot were let to S. T. Cobb for \$1,540.00. An additional step at the main entrance was added for \$410.00 and \$50.00 was accepted from the general contractor for the use of electrical power that had been used through our meter during construction.

There were 41 members present at the March 29, 1962 congregation meeting. It was voted to allow widows of members to vote. It was voted to extend the contract with Rabbi & Mrs. Ucko for four years, as was his request, at an annual salary of \$9,800.00.

The next several meeting had to do with housekeeping. There were many discussions with the architect and the contractor about the lack of thresholds on all the outside doors. There were problems with members borrowing tables and chairs from the center for use in their homes. They voted against such use. They again discussed a dedication booklet. The board was given the authority to accept or reject by a majority vote all memorials. The board was to determine where the plaques would be placed, including the plaques on the seats in the main chapel. During this period there were a number of memorial plaques purchased.

At the August 29, 1962 Board meeting Mrs. Harry Satsky requested that \$25.00 per month be allowed for landscape maintenance for the grounds. The motion was tabled because funds were not available "at this time". Irvin Fleishman said that The Anderson, S. C. congregation had requested that we give them our old red "Paroches" (a cover for the Torah reading table like a tablecloth). The motion was seconded and it passed (because we had been given a new white one in memory of Irving's Father, S. M. Fleishman). The board again reviewed the duties of the

Rabbi. The list included a once a year visit to the home of each member and the responsibility to notify members of their Yahrzeits (the anniversary of the death of a parent). September 9, 1962 was set as the date to sell Aliyahs. It was decided that we would have a cold cut dinner and then a card party after the auction sale at the center.

Special arrangements were made at the October the 3rd board meeting to accommodate the attendance of the son of Sam Baer from Dunn at Hebrew school. A large brass plaque with spaces for individual Yahrzeit listing was offered by Mrs. Hannah Fleishman along with a contribution of \$3,000.00 and it was accepted.

At the October 30th board meeting the board recommended changes in the by laws. A motion was passed to invite the voting head of each family to a dinner at the expense of the congregation to consider the changes in the by laws. A letter was authorized to the architect to request his help in repair and replacement of some twelve yards of carpet in the new building which had been ruined because of leakage around the doors and from the roof.

The minutes of the congregation meeting of November 15, 1962 opens with the statement; "A dinner was prepared for the congregation by A. M. Fleishman and served to the members present." There were 45 members present. The by laws were amended by a vote of 19 for and 8 against. The changes were;

1. The number of members of the board was changed from seven to eleven.
 2. The regular congregation meetings were to be held quarterly on the second Wednesday of February, May, August, and November.
 3. Nominations to the board would be made at the November meeting, ballots would be counted on the second Wednesday of December, and the new board would take office on the first of January of each year.
- Eighteen members were nominated for the board for the coming year.

At the board meeting of November 28, 1962 the membership records were examined by the board and divided into three groups. 1. Members in good standing. 2. Members in arrears who are making reasonable efforts to pay their dues are also in good standing. 3. Members who are not making reasonable efforts to pay their dues and are not in good standing.

The new board met on January 2, 1963 and elected Irvin Fleishman and A. M. Fleishman as co-chairman just as last year. Joe Blumenstein was elected treasurer and Joel Schur was elected secretary. The dedication was discussed again and this time the date set was February 17. They voted to invite the governor of North Carolina, Terry Sanford, since several people knew him when he practiced law here in Fayetteville. They also decided to have the dedication broadcast by a local radio station. A suggestion to build a swimming pool and cabanas was made. The vote was to turn this idea over to Ed. Kronsburg and Monroe Evans. A letter was to be sent to them to inform them of the idea. (Believe me when I got the letter, my reaction was oh no, we are having a rough time maintaining what we have now.) The chairman informed the board that the ladies had a deficit of \$300.00 on the New Years Dance. They voted to reimburse them and take the funds out of the center allocation for the year. A request from the Jewish home for the aged for \$300.00 was to be turned over to the Federated Charities board for a reply.

At the board meeting of January the 30th a motion to request \$1,000.00 from the sisterhood to be used to equip the choir room was passed. They next voted to ask \$500.00 from the PTA to defray the cost of the teachers of Sunday school. The dedication date was advanced to March 17th. A letter is to be written to the United Synagogues of America requesting information on how to dedicate a sanctuary. A suggestion was made that the members of the board share the cost of an Oneg Shabbat for their installation night. The treasurers report given by Joe Blumenstein was: cash on hand \$757.24 with bills unpaid of \$195.30. A motion to hold the Saturday morning services in the small chapel to save on the cost of heating and cooling the large sanctuary was passed. They were still having two services an early and a late Friday night service for the members who wanted to wait until the first stars were out to start observing the Shabbat.

On March 6, 1963 the meeting of the board was called to order at 8:30 p.m. with all members present. Julius Nelson, treasurer of the building fund, reported that the seats have been paid for and the architect wanted the balance due him. A motion passed to request that the architect meet with the board to discuss his bill and our problems with leaks in the building. Another meeting was called to discuss the dedication ceremony which now was scheduled for April 21st. Ed Kronsburg reported that the cost to build a swimming pool would be between \$13,500.00 and \$18, 000.00. He was told that the congregation would lease the land to a group of members in good standing who would form a

corporation to assume the responsibility and operate the facility. Ed said he would form such a committee. Rabbi Ucko requested that two members of the board sit on the Beema for the late Friday night services. He also requested a carport at his house.

At the board meeting of April 16, 1963 Joe Barr reported that he had met with the architect and since neither the architect nor the contractor had insurance, they would replace the thresholds, fix the windows that leaked, the roof will be caulked, the carpet would be taken up for thirty days and when it was dry replaced, then if it does not rain in we will pay what we owe them. The Motion that was made to hold off paying until we were sure all discrepancies had been taken care of passed.

The dedication of the sanctuary was finally held some time between April & August, but there no minutes or notes found about the ceremony. At the August 7, 1963 meeting the repairs still had not been completed and another letter was to be sent to the architect. Rabbi Ucko made a request that we hire a cantor for the High Holy Days. In the early days we had Morris Goldberg who was our cantor for years and when he died A.M. Fleishman was our cantor. They both loved to sing and we all enjoyed them. A. M. made a motion that those who wanted a professional cantor should pay his fee which would not be deductible from their dues and that there be no expense to the congregation. It passed 6 to 2 with one abstaining. A committee was appointed to investigate, George Stuhl, Henry Fleishman, and Harry Fleishman. They then discussed the selling of Aliyahs. There was one person who bid very high for the Neilah opening of the ark. (for the last service of the day of atonement the ark is open for the entire service of about one hour). Now they got a motion to offer the honor of standing in front of the open Ark by the minute so several people could afford that honor. They voted and it passed at 4 to 3. But everyone had not voted and they called for a recount and the vote was 4 to 5 and the motion was defeated. A. M. requested that we buy three gross of yarmulkes for the holidays. A comment here; (three gross is 432) For every Bar and Bat Mitzvah , every big religious affair we buy more yarmulkes, and yet we always need another three gross every few years.

October 16, 1963 The building fund treasurer's report this time included the sale of the "Torah Letters" for \$1100.00 and I have the story about them from Sidney Brumberg. *He was employed here during the late fifties and early sixties with Ed. Fleishman and Bros. men's clothing store to do their displays. He was very good at it and did any number of*

artistic and just plain work for the congregation. He prepared the large book under glass at the front entrance of the Shul which has various pages devoted to highlights of members. They were all prepared beautifully by him as long as he was here. Somehow he heard that I was preparing this history and he was doing e-mail correspondence with Jane Rulnick MacEntee (who is Harry and Doris Rulnick's oldest daughter.) His note: Dear Jane here's the part of Fayetteville history that means a lot to me: When the new Shul was built, the Rabbi showed us a picture of the Ark in a Baltimore shul with Silver commandment letters done by a sculptor (which depicted the Hebrew letter symbols of the ten commandments). His fee to do them for us was \$25,000.00, which was quite a sum back then...of course we could not afford it. My blessed Pearl (his wife) suggested that maybe I could cut the letters out of Upson board, spray them with silver, glue them to the glass doors (of the Ark) until the congregation could afford the real thing. I worked with the Rabbi to design the letters, cut them out, and sprayed them silver also our grill and patio table got painted too. Gluing them took several nights with Bernie Milgram and my son Chip holding each letter against the glass until it held. They looked like two wrestlers, with arms spread out. But we had our silver letters. In 2001 those letters are still adhered to the glass doors and are still beautiful. From us to Sid thank you

November 6, 1963 board meeting. There was a offer to purchase the old synagogue building for \$10,000.00 again and again the board voted to sell for not less than \$12,500.00. There were still leaks in the new synagogue building. The building fund treasurer reported we had \$3,038.37 in the bank, that the amount due the bank was \$112,000.00, we had \$78,978.91 in accounts receivable, and we still owe the architect \$1,800.00. These minutes were signed by Joel Schur, secretary.

At the November 20, 1963 congregation meeting with 29 members present Chairman Irvin Fleishman pointed out that the property was now worth \$400,000.00 and that there were 62 children in school. The congregation over ruled the board and they passed a motion to sell the old property for \$10,000.00. Fourteen members accepted nomination for the board for the year 1964.

On December 29, 1963. the following officers were elected for the coming year. Irvin Fleishman, Chairman
Harry Rulnick, Vice chairman
Joe Blumenstein, Treasurer

Joel Schur, Secretary

The chairman appointed Julius Nelson and Gerald Waitman as co-chairmen of the building fund. It was voted to have a party to honor the High Holy Day leaders of the service, the Rabbi, A.M. Fleishman and the Choir on January the 26th at 7:00 pm. There was discussion about employing a second person to be chason and youth director. No action was taken.

During the January 5, 1964 meeting the various committees were set up, they decided to issue deeds for prepurchased cemetery plots to the members. The treasurer was ordered to send out letters to all members in arrears with their dues.

At the board of Trustees meeting of March 12, 1964 the UJA (Federated Charities) treasurer reported that \$4,000.00 had been pledged for this year so far. The building fund treasurer reported that the bank note was now \$110,000.00 with pledges unpaid of \$77,000.00. Julius Nelson also reported that Edward Lowenstein would like payment of the money that we still owe him. A motion was passed that we send him a letter again to explain that as soon as our complaints are taken care of we will pay the bill. The new cemetery property purchase has brought up the problem of getting water and sewage to the property. Should we contract with the city for perpetual care or maintain the site ourselves? Isadore Bernstein was asked to check with other cities. This was tabled at that time. Later the old cemetery was contracted for perpetual care to the city of Fayetteville.

On April 29, 1954, a full board was present. After discussion, it was agreed that the architect be written and informed that all of the leaks and damages had been reported during the one year builders insurance guarantee and had not yet been corrected and we would not pay him until they were corrected. The treasurer's report stated that we had \$148.15 more bills due than we had in the bank. A. M. Fleishman reported that upon survey we found that we had eight acres of cemetery property. The perpetual care of the new cemetery will be by the Chevra Kadisha (The Burial Aid Society).

All twelve members were present at the next meeting. We are still awaiting word from the city as to the arrangements for water at the cemetery. A meeting with Mr. Lowenstein about the shortcomings of the construction resulted in an agreement that a new contractor would be called in to rectify them. They voted to try to raise money to hire a Cantor for the High Holy Days. August the sixteenth was set as the date for the auction for the sale of Aliyahs.

At the August 11, 1964 meeting of the board it was decided to charge the Sugar family \$200.00 for the use of the buildings for their wedding. There was a request for a future burial above ground in a vault. The matter was turned over to the burial committee.

The following was written by Kaye Green about her mother.

The first time Sarah and Maynard Neider came to Fayetteville was in 1964. They moved here from Columbia, S.C. because Maynard had taken a job with Larkin Clothiers as their manager here. Sarah saw a need for a Judaic shop. She offered to set up a shop in the center with the profits going to sisterhood. She ordered merchandise to supply the community with essentials for the home that were hard to come by like Shabbat and Chanukah candles, 14k gold charms and Judaic gifts. She set up in a glass showcase called the sisterhood gift shop. She has always been a business woman and saw an opportunity to buy a franchise called "Cort Cosmetics". Her husband turned their garage into an office and supply room and she recruited many people resulting in a nice business. Kaye became a teenager during this time in Fayetteville and she became active in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO). She was named Sweetheart one year and was president of the chapter just before they moved to Virginia in 1968. Maynard Neider died in an automobile accident in February of 1981 while they were living in Texas and Sarah moved back to Fayetteville to be close to Kaye who had married Ronald Green. Sarah approached sisterhood and offered to open a Judaic shop again for them and that the markup would be low. She asked the board of the congregation for a room and they assigned one of the class rooms that was not being used. She got a few dollars from sisterhood to stock up and got shelves, display cases and whatever she could from local merchants. Children came to buy gifts for their parents or candy treats. She taught the children how to pay for their purchases and how to count their change properly. She took this volunteer work very seriously and spent many hours maintaining the shop. Before long the shop was earning over a thousand dollars a year for sisterhood. Several years she turned over \$2,500.00 to sisterhood. The shop has taken a lot of her time from 1981 to the present. On several occasions Sarah was named Sisterhood Woman of the Year.

When Sarah first came to Fayetteville, she volunteered to work with the Fayetteville Urban Ministry. She served on the board of directors for several years. She took the course to learn how to teach illiterate adults how to read and then taught for the Ministry. She invited

the director Rev Curtis Harper to speak to the congregation and her introduction and the speech were so well received that the Board of Urban ministries held their meetings at the synagogue several times.

From 1980 to 1990 Sarah volunteered to work for the senior citizens volunteer program and deliver "Meals on Wheels". She thought it was important that everyone have a hot meal and someone to talk to.

Sarah took the extensive training to become a "Contact Telephone Person". She took the late shift to early in the morning, because she was a night owl herself. Contact and its workers became part of her family.

She assisted the AARP income tax volunteers by doing their proof reading for the several weeks a year that they do free income tax returns for senior citizens.

In 1980 She became a docent for the Fayetteville Museum of Art for a few years. She was very active until the year 2000 when several illnesses slowed her down, but she got her daughter Kaye and other assistants to keep the gift shop in business. Thank you Sarah & Kaye.

There was a congregation meeting held on October 15, 1964. The first order of business after the minutes and treasurer's report was a report from Gerald Waitman about the steel beam which had bent under the large air conditioner which is on the roof. It had now been reinforced. The building was now 99% waterproof. There were still a few leaks around the windows. Three different motions were made about the hours for conducting the Saturday morning services. After much discussion each one was withdrawn and finally the hours were left the same to start at 8:30am and try to finish by 10:30 am.

At the congregation meeting of November 17, 1964, because of the lack of enough attendance to make minions, it was voted to set up a roster of the 27 men who attend and call on them in rotation. Chairman Irving Fleishman announced that he had received a bill for \$300.00 from the builder for repairs and he suggested that we sent it on to the architect. This action was approved by the congregation. Thirteen members were nominated for the new board of twelve.

The list of members as of that date totaled 74 men and 10 widows for a total of 84.

At the December 30, 1964 meeting of the newly elected board officers were elected and committees were appointed. They were;

Chairman	Irvin Fleishman
Vice Chairman	Harry Rulnick
Secretary	Gerald Waitman
Treasurer	Joe Blumenstein
Building fund treasurer	Julius Nelson
Committee appointments	
Religious services	Gerald Waitman, George Stuhl
School	Henry Fleishman, Joe Blumenstein
Youth Co-ordination	Julius Nelson, Jerry Solomon
Visitation & Membership	Sam Mendelsohn, A. M. Fleishman, H. M. Rulnick, Irvin Fleishman
JWB and Fort Bragg	A. M. Fleishman, Oscar Vatz, Arthur Sabath
Finance	Julius Nelson, H.M. Rulnick, Joe Blumenstein
Building and Grounds	Julius Nelson, Gerald Waitman
Center Social	Arthur Sabath, Oscar Vatz

The meeting opened at 8:00 pm and lasted until 10:00 pm. The board discussed good and welfare of the congregation most of the time.

The board meeting of January 26, 1965 met with ten members present and five guests who were there to discuss a joint reception with the folks at Fort Bragg on February 14th. The chairman reported several incidents of vandalism. All were small but quite disturbing. The most recent incident involved the burning of two talisim and the carpet under them the past week end. A vote was taken to change all the locks and to enforce several rules to control occupancy with proper supervision.

A. M. Fleishman discussed the meeting with the city about developing the cemetery property for us. Our choice was to trade one and a half acres to the city and the city would develop the new property or to contract the work. The bid to landscape, run a road, provide water taps, and seed three lots each 80 feet by 120 feet was for \$1,830.00. They voted to accept the bid. And finally the property on Cool Spring Street, the old synagogue, was sold to The adjoining property owner J. A. Holmes for \$13,000.00 on December the 15th.1964. Amen.

The board meeting of March 11th was called to order at 8:15 pm. The money received for the sale of the property had been used to reduce the

note at the bank and since Marlyn Nelson had sold the property, it was voted to credit her with the sum of \$650.00 toward any memorial of her choosing.

The next few meetings took up normal housekeeping problems. Several new memorial plaques were sold. Letters were written and preserved in the minutes in memoriam for the death of William Kertzman and B. Greenberg.

The North Carolina Home for the aged was being organized by I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte and his request for participation of the community was voted to be turned over to the Federated Charities committee. Many of the members contributed to the Home and later several of our older people took up their residence there.

New rates were approved for the use of the center facilities;

Paneled room without kitchen	\$15.00	WITH KITCHEN	\$ 25.00
Weddings	\$100.00		\$125.00
Center morning or afternoon	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Center after 5 pm	\$100.00		\$125.00

There would be no charge for receptions following a Bar Mitzvah if the whole congregation was invited. The renter must insure that the building is returned in the same condition as received and that only kosher food be brought in.

A motion was passed that if an individual wants to select all who are called to the Torah at a Bar Mitzvah there would be a minimum charge of \$100.00 and the law of calling a Cohen first and a Levy second will be adhered to.

At the congregation meeting of May 17th motions were passed endorsing the board motions. They decided to hire a Cantor for the holiday services for not more than \$1,100.00 and that the money must be raised by public subscription. A motion was passed to deduct the cost of repair of the carpet, because of leaks around the windows, from the amount we still owe the architect. (This was five years after the effectual completion of the construction.)

At the board meeting of June 23, 1965, Gerald Waitman reported on his meeting with Harry Stein. In 1942 J. Stein had left \$500.00 in his will to "build a fine Ark for the Torahs." The board had been trying to sell the ark for a \$10,000.00 group memorial of fifty names at \$200.00 each. They were not aware of the Stein donation. It was proposed that a

plaque under the Ark should read “ A donation toward the ark was given by the late Jacob Stein, a pioneer of congregation Beth Israel, who bequeathed in 1942 a sum of money for the building of a fine ark for the torahs.” This idea was forwarded to the executor of the estate.

At the board meeting of August 11th 1965 two appropriations were approved , first \$125.00 to clear the grounds of underbrush and second a purchase of five thousand envelopes and five hundred stamps for the use of the secretary. (I put this here because in the year 2001 we have a copy machine in the congregation office for which we pay \$325.00 per month rental.)

The committee could not find a room in a Jewish home close to the synagogue for a cantor to sleep so it was decided not to hire a cantor for the High Holy Days.

There still was no resolution about the wording of a plaque for the Ark. Finally The executor of the will of J. Stein suggested that the Bond which had been held by the congregation all these years be returned to the estate. A motion duly made and seconded was passed. The bond was mailed and the insured postal receipt was stapled to the minutes dated September 13, 1965.

A motion to hold a reception for new and potential members on August 21st at the center was approved.

At the September 9th board meeting the Rabbi requested an increase in salary because A. M. Fleishman was ill and could not participate in the High Holy Day services, and there would be no cantor. The board felt that the decision should be made at the next congregation meeting.

The October 4th, 1965 board meeting disclosed the information that Joel Fleishman, A. M.'s son, had agreed to be our cantor. He came and has been our cantor for the High Holy Days ever since then. At the next board meeting held on November 3rd it was decided to buy an electric typewriter for \$130.00 as a gift to Joel in appreciation of his services.

The board was informed that there would be no rabbi at Fort Bragg until February of next year. The secretary was instructed to extend an invitation to the Jewish community on post through the Post Chaplain inviting them to our services.

At the November 17, 1965 congregation meeting all the minutes of all the meetings since May were read. Some of the decisions were challenged but they all were approved. After both treasurer's reports were made, Joe Barr asked how much was in the Chevra Kadisha treasury. He was told that they had used so little that they did not remember. In response to the request from the Rabbi for a bonus of \$600.00 for the extra services of the High Holy Days, there was a motion to give him a \$500.00 US bond that could be purchased for \$375.00 and it passed. There were eighteen men nominated for the board and at the ballot counting on December 15th, 1965 eleven and an alternate were elected to next year's board.

On December the 27th the following officers were elected for 1966

Chairman	Joe Blumenstein
Vice Chairman	Julius Nelson
Secretary	Gerald Waitman
Treasurer	John Green

Building fund treasurer Julius Nelson

The other members of the new board were Harry Rulnick, Henry Fleishman, A.M. Fleishman, Isadore Bernstein, Sam Mendelsohn, Joe Barr, and George Stuhl. It was voted to prepare a plaque for Irvin Fleishman for his years of service as chairman. It was also passed to print new stationary without the names of the board so that it could be used for years.

On January 12, 1966 the committees for the year were appointed. The first act of the new board was to agree to pay the annual affiliation dues of \$150.00 to the United Synagogue of America. The sisterhood grounds committee reported that many of the trees on the grounds were dead and needed to be cut down. They were voted \$125.00 and given the suggestion to call in the county agricultural agent for his opinion. The Military Armed Forces committee, A. M. Fleishman and Joe Barr, invited the full board to attend an important meeting with the Fort Bragg Command staff representatives and a special team from JWB to discuss the program for the Jewish soldiers at the base. It seems that they were having a hard time collecting money and a motion defining a "Member in Good Standing" and insisting that only members in good standing would be allowed to use the facilities passed with hardly any opposition. They voted to post the names of the members in good standing hoping that by the omission of the names of people with unpaid dues or pledges they would pay up.

February 16, 1966

During this period the ladies "Set Back Club" bought a fountain and placed it in the foyer along with a plaque "In memory of Fanny Bridge". But, the foyer had been sold for a large amount of money and no other plaques were supposed to be placed in that area. The board wanted to insist that the fountain be removed. At this meeting five of the ladies who were members of the "Set Back Club" came to the board meeting. They apologized for installing the fountain and the plaque without board approval. They reported that the donor of the dedication plaque for exclusive dedication in the foyer was willing to have the fountain there if there is only a small plaque on the fountain and not on the wall. This solved the problem and the fountain stayed, and the plaque was changed.

At the February 23, 1966 congregation meeting the main purpose was to discuss the renewal of the contract of Rabbi Henry Ucko. A motion was made to renew his contract for four years at a salary of \$10,800.00 and the parsonage on Rock avenue rent free. A secret ballot was requested and used. The vote was 35 yes and 12 no. The meeting lasted from 8:25 to 9:10.

On the March 16, 1966 board meeting the treasurer had \$3,130.84 in the bank and the building fund treasurer reported that we still owed the bank \$78,000.00. The Finance committee reported that several members are a couple of years behind in dues and about ten are behind on their pledges to the building fund. A group was assigned to call on each one and if no money was collected, they would be dropped from membership. During this period there were several minutes from meetings of the finance committee. They were really pushing to get the pledges paid. Nathan Sabath and David Evans were accepted as members. The religious committee chairman, Henry Fleishman, was asked to request the sisterhood to publish a monthly bulletin. He reported that the religious committee, consisting of Alex Waitman, Ed Fleishman, Gerald Waitman, Rabbi Ucko, Joe Blumenstein and Irving Fogler, had passed the following rules; 1. That every effort be made to insure that those attending services be properly dressed. 2. That Ushers be in charge of decorum during the services, with no socializing or walking around. 3. All men should be required to wear a Tallis except those unmarried men who wear the Arbah-Kanfos (a type vest with the tailing knotted thread). 4. That all posil (or you might say not kosher) talisim (the knotted threads improperly tied or unraveled.) be removed and new ones put out. 5. That two people be assigned every Friday night to meet and greet people and be in charge of decorum. 6. That a

weekly bulletin be printed. The Military committee reported that 35 men need home hospitality for the Passover Seders, also that no chaplain will be at the post until September and that four women want to convert to Judaism, in addition the center needs to be open one night a week again. A forestry representative has inspected the trees but they are not deceased. They do need thinning since several have been hit by lightning.

On April 27th Joe Barr reported that the Seder that we sponsored at Fort Bragg for Passover had 88 people attending including two General officers. It was a success and greatly appreciated. The Board voted to accept with thanks the Torah that Dr & Mrs. Sam Elfmom donated.

The May 23, 1966 congregation meeting only had eight members present, nowhere near a quorum, so no meeting was held.

The August 17, 1966 board meeting was called to order by the Chairman Joe Blumenstein with eleven members present. There is still no Jewish chaplain at Fort Bragg so the military have been invited to the break-the-fast dinner after Yom Kippur. The sisterhood will share the cost of the meal. John Green was given permission to repair the ceilings in the class rooms that were caused by leaks in the roof. A motion passed to purchase an air conditioner for the small chapel for \$310.00. A Motion passed to request the superintendent of city schools to give excused absences from school for religious holidays. The list was for the two days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first and seventh day of Sukkot, the first and seventh day of Passover, and the first day of Shavuot.

At the congregation meeting of September 8, it was reported that 42 pledges have been made to the Ark Fund and we still needed eight more for the fifty.

At the October 12th meeting of the board John Green reported that the total collected from the sale of Aliyahs and the community Aliyah was \$3,824.00. New members of the congregation were, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Boxer, Mr. Bob Boxer, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Margolis, and Mr. Kenneth Glazier. A report of the Ark fund that we had received fifty three pledges of two hundred dollars each and that the collections are to be made by October the thirty-first.

The quarterly congregation meeting was held on November the 16th with forty six members present. Most of the meeting was taken up with a discussion on opening the center one night a week. No decision, but a committee of the three organizations, the congregation, Hadassah, and the sisterhood are to meet and try to develop a program. There were twenty three members nominated for the eleven member board.

The new board met on November 28 and again elected Joe Blumenstein chairman, Julius Nelson vice chairman, and John Green treasurer. After a motion to employ a secretary for two afternoons a week for \$10.00 per week to send out notices and help the rabbi with correspondence, Gerald Waitman agreed to take the job of secretary again. Several women met with the full board to talk about opening the center one night a week. No decision was made, but they did decide to have a welcoming party for the new rabbi at Fort Bragg after the first of the year. It was noted that Dan Covington our long time janitor was ill and would be out probably two weeks. The religious committee reported that the 'Jewry Duty' program with each member on the roster agreeing to attend services on a scheduled basis was working, and they voted to continue. All through the years there has been a problem to get a minion (quorum) for the Saturday morning service. The finance committee met and the Ark plaque will have fifty five names on it. The total raised is \$ 11,000.00. At the Next meeting Gerald had gotten a price on the plaque and it was voted to purchase a 24 inch by 36 inch plaque for \$350.00

In the Fayetteville Observer on February 23, 1967 there was an article announcing that , "In an historic gesture symbolizing the strong bond and friendship between Fayetteville and the 82 nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Mayor Monroe E. Evans presented the Fayetteville City Flag to Major General Joe S. Lowrie, commanding General, 82 nd Airborne Division."

At the April 19, 1967 meeting the board decided to sell the benches from the old shul. The wrought railing to go along side the front steps has been ordered and the building committee will get bids to replace the wooden steps at the kitchen door entrance with cement steps. The chairman appointed Ed Kronsburg to investigate getting a caterer to make dining available at the center and for special events. A motion was passed to initiate the Beth Israel Federated Fund which will take care of all contributions for the congregation including the UJA and the federated charities. John Green was thanked for preparing the banquet for eighty people who attended for the installation banquet for the new

board. A motion was made that we issue tickets for the High Holy Days for those members in good standing and that the facilities of the congregation be denied those who have not paid all previous years dues by June 30th.

At the May 17th meeting of the board, Joe Barr reported for the Military affairs committee that 197 servicemen and their dependents attended the Passover Seder. The cost was \$294.54. Since the allowance was \$!50.00 and Joe had collected \$107.00 from officers who attended the Seder, it was voted to ask B'nai B'rith to pay the \$37.04 shortage.

June 21, 1967 A motion to read the list of departed relatives of the members of the congregation only during the Yahrzeit services on Yom Kippur and at no other services passed. Other business at this meeting was authorization to install a new hot water heater and to buy a window air conditioner for the rabbi's study. It was also reported that the Federated Charities drive received \$26,000.00 in pledges.

The finance committee met on July 12 and reported that each delinquent member had been approached and each one worked out a method to become members in good standing again. Some fifteen members are behind in their pledges to the building fund and the committee recommended that two people meet and talk with each person to try to resolve the issue.

At the meeting of the board on October 16, 1967 the treasurer, John Green, reported that Aliyah sales amounted to \$3,972.50 for the High Holy Days. Julius Nelson, treasurer of the building Fund reported that we now owe \$59,000.00 to the bank. A motion to allow the BBYO to use the center on Saturday night for the teenagers was approved if proper supervision was set up. The dedication of the plaque listing the fifty nine contributors to the Holy Ark will be on Simchas Torah night (the anniversary of the giving of the ten commandments).

November 29, 1967 at the congregation meeting it was announced that the sisterhood has agreed to purchase and install a commercial type dishwasher in the kitchen. Twenty men were nominated for the board for next year and at the January 10, 1968 board meeting. The same officers were reelected for all offices. A motion to have all books of all the funds audited by member Irving Fogler who is a CPA passed.

At the February 21, 1968 meeting of the board Rabbi Ucko requested a fifty dollar a month allowance for use of his car for synagogue purposes and the board voted \$25.00 a month for one year.

The board meeting of March 20, 1968 passed a motion to offer up to \$75.00 per week to get a good janitor. Joe Barr reported that two hundred and twenty five servicemen and their families are expected at the Passover Seder at Fort Bragg and that four hundred dollars has been allocated from the federated fund. The board decided to hire a cantor for not more than \$1,250.00 including traveling expenses for the Holy day services. At the July 17th meeting this was changed to \$1500.00 plus traveling expenses. They also decided to request \$25.00 from each member to pay the bill. There was a five-member finance committee at this time, and they had regular meetings and kept minutes. A number of the members were very slow in paying their dues. They sent letters advising that unpaid dues would result in being dropped from the "member in good standing" roster. The delinquent building fund members were visited. Lists of members in good standing were posted to try to shame the ones not listed to pay up. It has always required diligent collection practices to have enough money to pay the bills. They did vote that several members be dropped from membership at that time.

August 21, 1968 was the first meeting that trouble with the air conditioner is mentioned. A. M. Fleishman reported that two of our Torahs were sent to New York for repairs which will cost \$475.00. A motion was also passed that the widows of members would now be honorary members of the congregation.

The September 8, 1968 meeting of the congregation was called to order at 8:05 pm with sixty four members present. The minutes of previous meetings were read and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

At the October 16, 1968 meeting of the board of trustees; the religious committee reported that everyone seemed to be satisfied with the services. The building and grounds committee recommended that the kitchen utensils be koshered, that all dishes be brought up to requirements, that the kitchen should be kept locked, that no one gives orders to the janitor except the building and grounds committee, and that the janitor should expect tips. The treasurer reported that we accept into membership Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fleishman, Leon Sykes, and Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Kaplan. He then recommended that three young men be written and formally be invited to join the congregation. They were Hyman

Fleishman, Stuart Fleishman, and Jimmy Fleishman. A motion was passed to place the names of all of the members who had paid as much as \$1,000.00 into the building fund on the donors plaque. However, if they became delinquent in paying the balance the name plate would be removed. The plaque is to be placed on the outside wall of the lobby entrance to the sanctuary.

At the board meeting of November 20th, Joe Barr reported that he had attended a meeting of the JWB (Jewish Welfare Board) in Atlanta and that he had secured a new Torah for the chapel at Fort Bragg.

At the November 25, 1968 meeting of the congregation the building fund treasurer reported that we now had a note of \$50,000.00 at the bank and \$39,000.00 in accounts receivable pledges. When nominations for office were called several of the old members of the board refused to accept the nomination. It was decided to ask all nominees if they would serve before the list was sent out to be voted on. The congregation voted to give the janitor (still Dan Covington) a check for \$25.00 for Chanukah.

A congregation meeting was held on December 18, 1968 to count the 67 ballots received for the election of the new board. The roster of members in good standing listed 74 married couples, 14 single men, 9 single women, and 7 honorary widows. There was also a letter from the executors of the estate of Oscar Vatz with a bequest of \$2,500.00 to the congregation.

February 19, 1969 The meeting was called to order by Joe Blumenstein, chairman, with the following members present, Erwin Baer, secretary, Harry Rulnick, treasurer, A.M. Fleishman, Ed. Kronsburg, Bernie Milgram, Jerry Solomon, & George Stuhl. Members absent were Joe Barr, Dr. Malcolm Fleishman, and Julius Nelson. Most of the meeting was taken up with house keeping. A resolution was passed that any Jewish person living in the community be allowed membership regardless of the religious affiliation of his or her spouse. The budget for 1969 Included \$16,000.00 dues plus another \$6,000.00 from donations and High Holy Days sale of aliyahs for a total income of Around \$22,000.00, and expenses of some \$24,00.00. The budget was adopted with a \$1,765.55 deficit.

At the March 19th meeting of the board, Julius Nelson as chairman of the building and grounds committee, reported that vandalism damage to the glass in the windows had been estimated to cost about \$500.00 to repair. An insurance claim has been made. A discussion of the insurance coverage resulted in the decision to get proper coverage for the buildings, the contents, fine arts coverage and liability as proposed by reappraisal at a cost of about \$1,200.00 per year. The Balance on the bank note is down to \$48,000.00 with pledges receivable of \$38,000.00. They decided to have another building fund drive to raise money for the shortage. Jackie Kronsburg was authorized to conduct a summer activities program for the children of the congregation in the center.

At the April 16, 1969 board meeting the board agreed to raise the salary of the Janitor to \$60.00 per week. Dan Covington was relying on his family to help out because he could not perform all the work needed. The finance committee was asked to consider raising the dues to take care of the shortfall of income.

The congregation meeting of April was preceded by a dinner with fifty four people present. Rabbi Ucko was recognized on his tenth anniversary with the congregation. All of last year's board was thanked. The Kronsburgs were thanked for preparing the meal.

At the July 16th, 1969 board meeting Harry Rulnick, congregation treasurer, reported that the congregation is spending more then the income. His finance committee will recommend a new dues schedule as soon as they can work it out. Joel Fleishman joined the congregation at the new bachelor's rate of \$100.00 per year. Joel now lives out of town.

Joe Barr reported that there is still no Jewish chaplain at Fort Bragg and the Friday night services are going fine, but there are several of the personnel at Bragg who are having difficulty with their dietary law observance and National J W B has done nothing to help. He is trying to help. A. M. Fleishman passed away. The board member to take the seat on the board for A. M. is the person with the next highest number of votes. There was a tie between David Evans and Joel Schur. They were to flip a coin to determine the person to fill in the board vacancy. When they were notified they did not want to flip a coin so a special meeting of the board was called and by secret ballot they elected Joel Schur as the replacement for A. M.

At the meeting of the board on August the 20th 1969 Rabbi Henry Z. Ucko recommended that in the future we have only one Friday evening service and eliminate the early service. The board agreed to recommend to the congregation that we have only one Friday night service to start at 8:15 pm. Among other operational reports Ed. Kronsburg reported that Morris Cohen would cater the dinner for the Aliyah selling, but he needed volunteers to help serve.

The congregation meeting of August the 24 was called to order at 7:30 at the center after dinner was served. Fifty persons were present. A motion passed to mail board minutes to the members before each congregation meeting instead of reading them all at each meeting.

At the board meeting of October the 13th the board was notified that Mrs. Rosalie Gregory who has agreed to teach the first grade class of Sunday school has a problem. She has no one to baby sit her child, so the board voted to reimburse her \$2.50 for each Sunday she teaches to pay a baby sitter.

At the next meeting of the board, after much discussion, Mrs. Gregory was invited to be a member of the congregation at a rate of \$50.00 per year. Harry Rulnick reported that the Federated Fund had raised \$33,017.00. He mailed a check for \$30,000.00 to UJA and the balance was allocated to other charities. Sunday school registration collected \$340.00. Aliyahs sold for \$5,645.00. The community Aliyah raised \$395.00 and the Cantor Fund raised \$1,375.00 from 55 donors. A motion was passed to raise the Sunday school teachers pay to \$ 20.00 per month. A new dues structure was passed. \$200.00 per year for regular dues, 160.00 for reduced dues and 100.00 as a special dues category. A few members agreed to Pay \$240.00 a Year.

At the November 12, 1969 board meeting it was reported that there were 37 pupils in the Sunday school. The Burial Society has offered to install an air conditioner in the board meeting room in honor of A.M. Fleishman. The Military Affairs committee suggested that we sponsor a reception for the new chaplain at Fort Bragg and that we invite the Jewish community from the base. The motion was passed. The building fund chairman reported that the loan at the bank is now \$43,000.00

At the congregation meeting of November 19, 1969 the constitution was amended to change the election of the board. Each member of the board will be elected for three years. So that for two years four new members will be elected and every third year three members will be elected for a total of the eleven members. After two consecutive terms one could not be reelected for one year. This was so different that the vote was set for March of 1970 to go into effect in 1971.

A motion was made and passed to dedicate the small chapel in memory of A. M. Fleishman in recognition of his long years of service. Actually if you ask the people who remember, he really ran (and cared for) the Shul for many years. Nathan Fleishman agreed to pay for new lighting in the chapel. Seventeen members were nominated for the board for 1970.

On January the 14, 1970 the new officers were

Chairman	Joe Blumenstein
Vice Chairman	Julius Nelson
Treasurer	Harry Rulnick
Financial Secretary	John Green
Corresponding Secretary	Bernard Milgram
Recording Secretary	Gerald Waitman

THE 1970 MINUTES ARE MISSING.

Joe Blumenstein was still chairman in 1971. The other board members were James Fleishman, Irving Fogler, David Evans, Herbert Fleishman, Martin Sternlicht, Joel Schur, Julius (Caesar) Nelson, Bernie Milgram, George Stuhl, and Gerald Waitman.

The board initiated a complete re-evaluation of the congregation. A questionnaire was sent to the members asking their opinion on: (The

letter had a paragraph asking each question I have tried to shorten them to a line each.)

1. Do you feel that the present board of trustees form is the best or do you suggest another form?
2. What changes in the constitution do you suggest?
3. Do you favor closing the Morganton Road entrance and having one way traffic around the building?
4. Do you favor hiring a cantor for the High Holy Days or would you rather have a lay speaker with other ideas than the Rabbi?
5. Should the center be operated as a social and cultural hall instead of keeping all of the events under the religious jurisdiction of the synagogue?
6. Should we use part of the property to build apartment buildings to rent for income?
7. Any other suggestions?

At the March 3, 1971 meeting Herbert Fleishman brought three BBYO members so that the board could get some ideas from the youth of the congregation. They were Don Baer, Mike Fleishman and Minda Fleishman. (I guess that the discussion was too long to write up. The minutes just said discussion.) The religious committee recommended that two members of the congregation join the Rabbi on the Beema each Friday night on a rotating basis as an honor. New members of the congregation are Mr. & Mrs. Israel Bloom, Mrs. Muriel Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Eckstein. The board approved hiring an attorney to solve the drainage problem with the city. They voted that no advertising be allowed in the bulletin.

The report on the questionnaires that were sent out was that 52 of the 92 were returned. Below is a tally of the answers received:

1. 27 voted in favor of the current trustees method.
23 voted in favor of operating with an executive board of four, president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, with the officers voted on by the congregation.
2. 15 voted in favor of the constitution and by laws covering our complete religious life from birth to death.
30 voted in favor of a constitution covering the governing of our synagogue and center activities.
3. 14 voted to close the Morganton Road entrance.
35 voted to leave the entrances as is.
4. 15 voted in favor of having a cantor.

26 voted not to have a cantor, but to have a lay speaker in addition to the rabbi's sermon

7 voted neither

5. 20 voted in favor of maintaining the center as it is now, a part of the synagogue.

30 voted to look upon the center as a cultural and social building, not governed by many religious covenants.

6. 33 voted to keep the grounds intact as they are.

17 voted to look into the possibility of building apartment buildings.

Several letters were received suggesting cultural lectures and activities. The report was signed by the secretary, David Evans.

March 24 1971 at the congregation meeting a review of the results of the questionnaire was discussed and the board was asked to make recommendations on how to implement any changes indicated by the survey. There was much discussion about the duties of the rabbi and it was decided to review the contract. A motion to have a congregation meeting to rewrite the contract passed 15 for and 7 against. The treasurer, James Fleishman, reported that there was \$4,333.73 in the bank with outstanding bills of \$1,569.11. The building fund treasurer, Julius Nelson was not present but the president, Joe Blumenstein, read the report that we still owe \$25,000.00 on the note. Edith Rosenfeld announced that we were having a Western night social on Saturday night, costumes are appropriate, food will be served, and all are invited. A grievance committee was announced composed of Irvin Baer, Ellie Fleishman and Ed Kronsburg.

The board meeting of April 14, 1971 had eight members present. The problem with the drainage system along the side of the property was turned over to Ervin Baer to work out a solution with the city. The salary of Mr. Kadelak, the janitor, was raised to \$175.00 biweekly.

The sisterhood has offered \$1,500.00 to be used for center improvements. A committee was appointed to work with them. The gas company has offered the center gas lights at a very reasonable cost. It was voted to accept, and Joel Schur was appointed to set up the location at the entrance from Morganton Road.

At the board meeting of May 19, 1971 a notice was received that Irving Fogler was moving to Wilmington and he therefore was resigning from the board. The next person in line by the number of votes received at the

last election was Earl Grant. If he refused the next in line was Isadore Bernstein. James Fleishman the treasurer reported that we were \$80.44 short in the bank but funds were on the way to cover the shortage. The board approved a letter to initiate a new building fund drive to finish paying off the note at the bank to solicit at least \$1,000.00 from each member even if it had to be paid over a ten year period to June 16, 1971. This is the meeting that Joel Schur announced that Joel Fleishman had agreed to help us out on the High Holy Days and that we would not need a cantor this year. Joel has been our High Holy Day cantor every year since then (this is written in July 2001) He has paid his own expenses from wherever he was working and stayed with his sister Bernice Wolff while he was here. James Fleishman, the treasurer, reported that there were fifteen members who were delinquent in their dues and the minutes outlined each person and how much and how to get the accounts collected.

At the July 21st meeting The president reported that neither Earl Grant nor Isadore Bernstein could serve on the board and that Ervin Baer had agreed to serve out the term of Irving Foglar. Morton Union has married and his request to be a member at \$100.00 per year was approved. The treasurer reported that two of the delinquent members had paid up. It was agreed that we continue to pay the \$100.00 per year dues to the United Synagogue of America. It was also agreed that \$1,000.00 be used from the building fund for "building beautification and interior improvements" along with the money coming from the Sisterhood. The new constitution was discussed but it got so late that the meeting was recessed until the September meeting.

Mrs. Ed Fleishman attended the September 15th meeting and suggested that a hand rail be installed alongside the steps to the Beema. The board requested a drawing be prepared for approval of the board. Joel Schur reported that he had sent a letter inviting the military and their families for the High Holy Days. Julius Nelson reported that the break in damage was less than \$100.00 and he suggested that we do not make an insurance claim. Again they discussed reducing dues as requested by some members and notifying others that we will give them one more time to catch up. It was agreed that those who live in the community and are not members be charged \$30.00 per seat for the High Holy Days. The Sale of Aliyahs brought in \$5,909.00

On October the 25th meeting right after the minutes were read, the board was notified that the project of the rail around the Beema has been

dropped. Herbert Fleishman made a motion to commend the Rabbi (who was at the meeting) for the manner in which this years services were conducted. This passed unanimously. A committee composed of Irvin Baer, Gerald Waitman and David Evans was appointed to make a recommendation on how to honor Joel Fleishman for serving as our cantor. It was voted to spend what is necessary to fix the leaks in the sanctuary roof. Dues rates were approved for the following new members; Mr. & Mrs. Israel Bloom, Dr. & Mrs. Yanoff, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Lazar, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Levy, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Lebowitz, and Schmul Jernigan.

A little story here. Back in the fifties when I was in the furniture and floor covering business a young man worked in the floor covering department whose name was Joe Jernigan. His son decided that he wanted to convert to Judaism and somehow got into a yeshiva. Now he had returned to Fayetteville as an orthodox Jew wearing a yarmulke and a Tallis almost everywhere he went. He set up in Hope Mills and did not affiliate with Beth Israel because we were not Orthodox. I have heard many tales about some of the bizarre incidents he created in the community. Joe came to me and asked me to help straighten his son out. I talked with Joe, jr., Schmul, and his answer to me was "it says in the Torah that we are to be different and this is the way an unmarried man should live." One Friday night he walked five miles (it was Shabbat) out to our house in the country wearing a full heavy wool Tallis to talk to me about Judaism. He did not like what I told him and he did not approach me again.

November 17, 1971 the board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm (a new time it had been 8:30 before). James Fleishman made a financial report that arrangements had been made with all delinquent members and all members are in good standing for 1971. Gerald Waitman reported that the Federated Fund had raised \$39,997.00 of which the women's division had raised \$3,900.00. David Evans reported that the committee had met with Joel Fleishman and they agreed that the money raised for a cantor each year be put into a "The Joel Fleishman Scholarship fund" for youth leadership. That a committee be assigned the job of picking a youth each year from the school system, and a plaque be designed to show the name of the youth each year. The first award is to be made in 1973. A committee was appointed to work with Bernard Stein who has given \$3,000.00 to beautify the Beema. Herbert Fleishman made a motion that passed unanimously that for the next six months all board meetings will be open forum meetings and the congregation members

present transact the business of the congregation as a whole. Any six members of the board would make a quorum. This passed.

The Quarterly meeting of the congregation was held at the center on November 29, 1971. Fifty six families were represented. After the minutes and the financial reports were made, it was decided to buy a new tractor to maintain the grounds. After several motions were made and discarded, a motion that the rabbi be offered a five year contract at \$12,600.00 a year was passed 40 to 4. (an increase of \$600.00 per year.)

Eleven members were nominated for the three vacancies on the board for a three year term beginning the first of the 1972. A motion that after one three year term a member must be off the board for one year before reelection, passed. The motion brought from the board about having forum board meetings with the congregation was defeated.

A special meeting of the board held on December 20, 1971 to count the ballots resulted in electing John Green, Steven Satsky, and Marvin Rosenberg to the board for three year terms.

THE FOLLOWING ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD
STANDING OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Axler	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Leder
Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Baer	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Levy
Mr. Sam Baer	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Linder
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Barr	Mrs. Ruth Mann
Mrs. Betty Baum	Mrs. Bessie Margolis
Mr. & Mrs. Isadore Bernstein	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Mellis
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Blick	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mendelsohn
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Blumenstein	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Mendelsohn
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Boxer	Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Milgram
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Brody	Mr. & Mrs. Julius Nelson
Mr. Meyer Brown	Mrs. Judy Norman
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cohen	Mrs. Clarence Parsek
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Cohen	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pritchard
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Eckstein	Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Rosenberg
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Elfimov	Mrs. Rebecca Rosenfeld
Mr. & Mrs. David Evans	Mrs. Florence Rulnick
Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Evans	Mr. & Mrs. Harris Rulnick
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fleishman	Mr. Arthur Sabath
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Morris Sabath
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fleishman	Mr. Nathan Sabath
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Satsky
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Satsky
Mr. & Mrs. James Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Joel Schur
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Shavitz
Mr. Joel Fleishman	Mrs. Harold Sick
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Al Solomon
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. David J. Solomon
Mr. Morton Fleishman	Mrs. Edith Solomon
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Solomon
Mr. & Mrs. Neill Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Solomon
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Fleishman	Mr. & Mrs. J. Bernard Stein
Mr. & Mrs. W. Ed. Fleishman	Mr. Harry Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Grant	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Sternlicht
Mr. & Mrs. John Green	Mr. & Mrs. George Stuhl
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Green	Mr. & Mrs. Leon Sugar
Mrs. Rosalie Gregory	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Swartz
Mrs. Robert Heath	Mrs. Sadie Tesler
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hockfield	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Tesler

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kanzer
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kanzer
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kronsburg
Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Lacob
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Leibowitz
Mrs. Bernice Wolff
Dr. & Mrs. Harry Yanoff

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Union
Mr. & Mrs. Mort Union
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Waitman
Mrs. Ida Waitman
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wertheim
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wilson
Mr. Hyman Zall

The new board was called to order at 8:20 Wednesday January 19, 1972 and the first order of business was the election of officers. They Were;

President	Joe Blumenstein
Vice president	John Green
Treasurer	James Fleishman
Corresponding Secretary	Bernie Milgram
Recording Secretary	David Evans

Julius Nelson reported that we had another break in and he is getting the cost of burglar alarms. He also reported that we had paid for the tables and chairs for the center and we need \$1,900.00 to pay for the wall which has been built around the cemetery. John Green recommended the removal of several more trees and announced that the federated fund raised over \$40,000.00.

At the February 16th board meeting Mr. & Mrs. Neill Fleishman were approved for membership. The finance committee reported that expenses for 1971 were approximately \$23,000.00 and for 1972 are expected to be \$25,000.00.

At the next meeting on March 8th Debbie Cohen Heath was elected to membership for dues for 1972 of \$100.00. A motion passed that any non-member who wants to receive a bulletin may pay \$12.00 per year. When John Green called the rabbi to make arrangements to make improvements on his house and yard, the rabbi said he would call when he is ready to have the work done. John also reported that if we pay the \$1,600.00 for the pipe, the city will install it to clear up our drainage problem across the property. This was passed.

The quarterly meeting of the congregation was held on March 13, 1972. Twenty-seven families were represented. The major item that was passed was that the minimum dues be \$250.00 per year unless the member appeared in person before the board and requested a reduction.

The board meeting of April 19th brought forth the bid on installing a burglar alarm for the buildings. The board felt that the cost was too much and it was decided to get a bid on an alarm system in the sanctuary only since our most valuable items are located there.

At the congregation meeting of May 17th it was decided to purchase an alarm system from Holmes Electric.

The next interesting meeting was on August 9, 1972 when it was agreed to swap property at the cemetery that we own with the city of Fayetteville so that we can use the property properly.

I received the following from Kaye Green.

It was August of 1972 and I was one month shy of turning thirteen years old, when my family moved to Fayetteville. I had been born and reared in Columbia, S. C. and was rather excited at the prospect of having a new adventure.

My Dad went to work for a clothing chain owned by the Larkin Family. Mom had gotten us a great house in Briarwood Hills and I would be starting school at Alexander Graham Bell Junior High School. Don't look for it now, Highsmith Rainey Hospital sits where we used to play sports, have fun, and learn how to be teenagers. School was easy and I made friends without a problem. The area we lived in had a very social bunch of teenagers. When my uncle, Joe Steinberg, would come to visit us he would give me money and tell me to have a few friends over and have a party. Like any good teenager would do, I did what I was told. This probably did not hurt my popularity. It was not long before people in school found out that I was Jewish. Children can really be cruel. I seemed to be the brunt of every joke and snide comment. I had always wanted to be a cheerleader, so I tried out. Fortunately for me, the teacher picked the girls. You had to have a certain grade point average in school so that gave me an edge over some of the competition. I was selected and I was elated, to my good fortune.

My Mother and I went to services every Shabbat, and Dad came when he could get off from work. I took confirmation classes from Rabbi Henry Ucko. It was the first time that I really got an education about what it was to be a Jew. I really enjoyed learning from him, and when he could not be there, his wife was there for us.

As soon as I was old enough, I joined the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. I loved it. I traveled to conventions and met Jews from all over NC, SC and VA. For the first time I wasn't the only Jew in the

crowd. Rabbi Ucko offered a wealth of information for me when I needed to write speeches. I earned many awards for oratory and our chapter of BBYO won many awards in chapter contests. I held different offices and was president the last year I was a member. My family moved to Newport News, Virginia when I was sixteen.

Many years later I moved back here with my three year old son and called Rabbi Ucko. I started dating Ronald Green, but he was not ready to get married so I moved to Raleigh and worked as a stock broker. Ronald decided that we should get married and I moved back to Fayetteville.

I became very active in the Fayetteville Jewish community. I taught Sunday school and it seemed I volunteered for everything. At one point when we were without a Rabbi I volunteered to run the Sunday School. One year I was given the community Aliyah because I was so active. It was nice to know that people did care. I volunteered at the three public schools my children attended. I helped children that were not up to grade level in reading and spelling. My favorite thing was helping children one on one to learn to read. One year my Cadette Girl Scout Troop took on a reading project for the Van Story School. We processed over a hundred books with special tools that we made. I served on the PTA boards of the Max Abbott and Terry Sanford High School. I am still on the PTA board of Terry Sanford.

The most life influencing thing for me, besides my wonderful parents, was Girl Scouts. When I moved to Fayetteville as a teenager I was eager to continue my girl scout career. My Mother found me the perfect troop. I became one of the first and the youngest in Cumberland County to receive the First Class Scout Award. This was equivalent to the Eagle Scout badge in the boy scouts. At the ceremony my leader asked me to promise that I would be a girl scout leader. When my daughter Joanna Lee Green turned five years old I asked Beth Israel to let me have a girl scout group at the Synagogue. We registered a Brownie troop and a Junior troop that year. We grew into Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Senior troops. I have gotten many awards through the council for my leadership roles. The most important thing is that we have made a difference, one girl at a time. We were active from 1989 to 2001. We then moved the troops to another location. I am still a leader in the girl scouts. I now have a senior troop.

I also became a volunteer for the American Red Cross in 1989 and 1990. I was an instructor for Lifeguard Training, CPR for the professional rescuer, instructor for community safety and all the programs that went with it. I am still active with the Red Cross.

In 1984 I started the National League of Junior Cotillions in Cumberland County. I taught children from kindergarten through 12th grade in age appropriate manners, etiquette, ball room, and social dancing. For several years I helped a 'half way house' prepare teenage clients for reentry into society. I taught visually impaired children classes at the Cape Fear Regional Center for the Blind. It was wonderful to see them want to learn the proper way to do things, even to dance and to swim. I hope to continue and expand these efforts in the near future.

Kaye sent me a note along with the write up of her husband Ronald Green, she wrote, "*I forgot to put the most important thing that I had EVER done in my life - our four children-. Aaron, 1971, Mayer 1981, Joanna 1984, and Elizabeth 1988.*

(Kaye, you are an exceptional member of our group thank you.)

At the September meeting it was agreed to spend about \$5,000.00 to prepare the new cemetery for use. Each lot will be sold for \$400.00. It was also agreed that, if the rabbi is out of town and we need a rabbi for a burial that the congregation will assume the financial responsibility of getting a substitute rabbi who would be chosen by the religious committee.

At the October 18th board of trustees meeting, Joel Schur reported that we had the smallest registration in years in our school. There are just fewer children in the community. Julius Nelson reported that the building fund has repaid the Chevra Kadisha the \$6,000.00 it had borrowed over the years and has paid \$1,500.00 on the note at the bank. The burial society may have enough to develop the new cemetery with the repayment of the money.

At the quarterly meeting of the congregation, the meeting was turned over to Gerald Waitman to chair during the approval of the new constitution. He opened the meeting to explain that the preparation of this constitution had taken two and a half years. There were five changes suggested which were approved and the new constitution was adopted.

This was a most comprehensive listing of everything about the religious and operating policies of the congregation. I have listed below some of the document;

Article II. The basic functional purpose shall be the practice of conservative Judaism.

Article IV. Any person of the Jewish faith, male or female, shall be eligible for membership. An application for membership must be approved by a majority vote of the board of trustees present.

Article V. All new members must contribute a minimum of one thousand dollars to the building fund in cash or ten percent a year. The unpaid balance of the pledge may be cancelled if the member moves away.

This was an eleven page document and it detailed the job and responsibility of a member, the officers, the board and the rabbi even down to the calling of people for honors at the reading of the Torah. Nominations for the four new members of the board under the new constitution would include one woman. Those elected at the December meeting were Ervin Baer, Harry Yanoff, George Stuhl and Sandra Pritchard as the first female member of the board.

At the December 20th 1972 meeting the following were accepted as members; Fred Fleishman accepted as a associate member until he can afford to pay more, Charles Wilson at reduced dues and Michael Green as a regular member.

The budget for 1973 was based on the actual figures for 1972. I put this here so that it can be compared with other budgets

INCOME

1973 Dues	20,000.00
Donations	7,500.00
Other Income	500.00

Total	\$28,000.00

EXPENSES

Payroll	17,000.00
Payroll taxes	1,000.00
Sunday School	1,200.00
Maintenance	1,250.00
Utilities	3,000.00
Oil	1,000.00
Telephone	250.00
Insurance	1,600.00
Supplies etc.	1,200.00
Contingencies	500.00

Total	\$28,000.00

The officers for 1973 were elected at the January 17, 1973 board meeting. They were; Joe Blumenstein, chairman, Ervin Baer, vice chairman, Bernard Milgram, secretary, and Dr. Harry Yanoff Treasurer. Rabbi Ucko requested permission to take a trip to Israel for a month beginning just after Passover which was sponsored by a fund raised by members chaired by Harold Cohen. The board voted that it would be in lieu of a summer vacation.

At the March meeting of the congregation all business was dispensed with and the Rabbi challenged the group to come up with suggestions to make our activities more meaningful. There were twenty five families represented. Some of the suggestions were; add an organ to the services, repair the kitchen so that it would be kosher again, and make another kitchen to serve non kosher foods, hire a director for planning programs for the center, the need for Jewish educational classes, for the sermons to be historical Jewish stories not current events, a group to visit homes to get people to come to services, the services were too orthodox, more programs to interest the children. The rabbi's response was what you want done, do it now and call on him when needed.

At the next meeting of the board a committee was appointed to bring recommendations to the next congregation meeting from the suggestions that the congregation could act on. The treasurer had to borrow \$2,000.00 temporarily to pay bills on time. The chairman thanked Erwin Baer and Gerald Waitman for their professional help in preparing the layout of the new cemetery.

Here are the seven recommendations that the special committee brought back to the board;

1. Monthly congregation meetings should be held on a trial basis and board meeting should be held at the discretion of the chairman of the board.
2. The Rabbi should attend all congregation meetings and the board meetings upon invitation.
3. As it is considered an honor to be elected to the board, members of the board should honor the congregation with their presence at, at least, one religious service a month and should be present at all congregational meetings.

4. The center should be used for social functions for our adults and youth and interesting programs should be devised by the membership.
 5. The Religious committee and the Rabbi should set up a new curriculum for the Sunday school and the Hebrew school.
 6. The Religious committee should investigate new prayer books and other ways to vary the service to create more interest and better attendance of the congregants.
 7. Saturday services should start earlier and should be shortened to approximately an hour and a half.
- This was signed by Ellie Fleishman as the secretary of the committee.

At the April 12, 1973 board meeting Ervin Baer made a motion to recommend to the congregation that we dispense with all board meetings (have congregation meetings monthly) on a trial basis for 1973 and approve the other six recommendations of the committee. It passed unanimously.

May 9, 1973 there were 20 people at the meeting. The same seven recommendations were accepted. The Saturday morning services will begin at 8:00 AM beginning May the eleventh. It was recommended that the women's calling committee notify members of the change before Friday night. Herbert Fleishman said that we have poor attendance because we have poor notices sent out. He volunteered to handle next months calling and he would take care of the refreshments. The suggestions were all approved. A motion was made to increase the dues by \$100.00 per year, but that was tabled. This was signed by the secretary, Bernard Milgram.

At the June 13th meeting, the chairman Joe Blumenstein reported that the 8:00 am Saturday morning services were very successful. They finished by 9:45 all month. Dr. Yanoff resigned as a member of the congregation and from the board and John Green accepted the job as treasurer. A motion to raise the dues by fifty dollars a year voluntarily passed 16 for and 9 abstentions. A committee was appointed to check with each member before the next meeting. A motion to sell two acres of the property was tabled. (From all the motions that were tabled and never heard again, that usually means no.)

A special meeting of the board was called for June 27, 1973 . John Green reported that the rabbi and Mr. Kadelak had been paid, and seven people had already indicated that they would increase their dues. Three letters of resignation had been received. It was agreed to pay \$100.00

per year dues to the United Synagogue of America if they would quit billing us for more. Bernard Fleishman is to replace Dr. Yanoff on the board.

The regular monthly meeting of the congregation was held on July 18, 1973. The treasurer reported that we had \$2934.85 in the bank and about \$200.00 in bills payable. The building fund now has a note due of \$16,000.00

The next congregation meeting was taken up adopting various financial operations for the cemetery committee and the burial society, the Chevra Kadisha. Actually the funds received from the sale of cemetery lots and all of the income from the society are kept in separate bank accounts for future improvement and for maintenance. Unless one is a member of the burial society the finances of the group is secret most of the time. Once in a while word is passed around that there is a lot of money in the maintenance fund. The congregation has a very nice cemetery, it is kept well maintained at all times. The Chevra Kadisha takes care of the funerals as they are supposed to. I have never heard any complaints (except from people who want to know about the money who have not volunteered to serve as a member of the society) and many compliments. (At this time I have been around 86 years.)

A special meeting of the board was held on September 14, 1973. The roofs were leaking in the small sanctuary, the rabbi's study (where the secretary's office is now) and in the synagogue. Julius Nelson requested to be relieved of his duty as building and grounds chairman. After the discussion he agreed to get bids to repair the roofs and to get a bid to sandblast the headstones in the old cemetery. There was a motion to buy an extension ladder for \$50.00 so that the gutters around the building could be cleaned out, amended to buy a good ladder to do the job at a higher cost if necessary. The amended motion passed. New Members were Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Luntz. The building note is down to \$13,500.00 and after marking off \$10,000.00 in uncollectible pledges we still have \$15,000.00 accounts receivable. It was decided to allow non-member children to attend Sunday school for \$35.00 each.

The regular meeting of the board was held on September 16. The United Synagogue returned our dues check of \$100.00 since their dues structure has now changed to \$5.00 per member which would cost us almost \$500.00 per year. A motion that we cancel our membership was passed. (Now we had no national conservative Judaism connections.)

October 28, 1973. Malcolm Fleishman gave the invocation. (The first mention of an invocation to open a congregation meeting.) An amendment to the constitution was passed stating that two thirds of the membership is required for the disposal of any congregation real property. Mickey Sugar reported that we would get sponsors so that we could have a Friday night supper before services.

The next congregation meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm on November 18, 1973. The primary purpose was to count the ballots. The four new members of the board were Martin Sternlicht, David Evans, Leon Sugar and Irene Linder. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

The board of trustees met on December 16, 1973. It was reported that we had not been able to get an estimate on repairing the roof of the synagogue due to the shortage of labor for this kind of work. (That statement was hard to believe.) There was a complaint that the Rabbi was not conducting the Saturday morning junior congregation services properly. A motion passed to give the janitor Mr. Kadelak a \$100.00 bonus. The estate of Ethel Vatz left \$5,000.00 to the shul and asked that a memorial plaque be put up. John Green resigned from the board as of December the 31st. The outgoing members of the board were given a vote of approval of a job well done. They were Joe Blumenstein, Bernard Milgram, Julius Nelson, and Gerald Waitman.

The new officers for 1974 were elected at the January 16th 1974 meeting.

President	Ervin Baer
Vice president	David Evans
Treasurer	Irene Linder
Corresponding Secretary	Sandra Pritchard
Recording Secretary	Marvin Rosenberg

All of the financial reports were good this time. There was a balance in the Joel Fleishman Scholarship Fund of \$1,909.71. Julius Nelson even reported that there was \$3,503.81 in the Burial association account and about \$1,200.00 in the perpetual care fund . All of the work on the new cemetery has been paid for.

On Thursday January 17, 1974 Joe Barr is to be honored at Fort Bragg. He is to receive the "US Army Public Service Award". This is the first

time a North Carolinian has received this award. It was agreed to start future board meetings at 7:30 pm.

On February the 20th a congregation meeting was held and each new committee chairman made a report of the activities of his or her committee. Everything seemed to be going well. There were suggestions for some changes. The awards night for outgoing officers was well attended and enjoyed. A motion was made to request the sisterhood to pay for the linen service.

A special meeting was called on March 20th to approve a budget for 1974. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. A budget of \$30,000.00 was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Right after that meeting a congregation meeting was called to order at 8:11 pm. All committees reported, and all requests for money were refused including an increase for the Rabbi.

The April meeting brought forth the problem with the Coco Cola drink box. So few drinks were sold that the Coco Cola company asked us to buy the drink box for \$350.00 or they would remove it. Stanley Tesler agreed to give us one of his. Then Coco Cola wanted to add \$5.00 per delivery because we used so little and Stanley Tesler agreed to service our box with Pepsi Cola. Problem solved.

At the board meeting of May 15, 1974 Julius reported that we had received a bequest of \$500.00 from the will of Meyer Brown. The board received a grievance against Mrs. Ucko about the treatment of a child in class. The welcome and visitation committee reported that two new families had moved to town. They had been visited and had been invited to join the congregation. Ursula Green is doing an excellent job caring for the grounds.

The minutes of the congregation meeting of August recorded that Joel Fleishman has again agreed to serve as cantor for the High Holy Days. David Evans is moving to Greensboro so Bernard Fleishman was appointed to fill his unexpired term. Mrs. Ida Waitman has donated a new set of "Paroches" (a curtain for the front of the Ark and a new table cover for the table used to read the Torah.) Herbert Fleishman was given permission to have a fund raising affair to pay of the balance of the note on the building. The US Power Squadron was given permission to hold classes to teach boat and water safety in one of our class rooms

with a member of the congregation held responsible for clean up and damage.

At the board meeting of October 1974, Rabbi Ucko was voted a salary increase to \$14,500.00 and they granted the Rabbi's request for two burial plots in the cemetery

On October 27 the congregation had its regular quarterly meeting. The roof was leaking in three of the classrooms and Stanley Tesler reported that Cumberland roofing company would have an estimate on the cost to correct the problem. The recommendation to increase the Rabbi's salary was approved. A motion to increase the monthly salary of the Sunday School teachers from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per month was defeated. Twelve members were nominated to replace the three members of the board whose term expires at the end of the year.

A congregation meeting was held on November the 24th to count the ballots. Joe Blumenstein, Julius Nelson and Gerald Waitman were elected to the board for three years. Sixty six ballots were cast.

It was agreed to use \$1,000.00 to pay the tuition and camp expenses from the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund to send a child to the Camp Starlight institute next summer's camp. Amy Grant was named the recipient.

At the January meeting of the board the first order of business was the election of officers. The new officers were; President, Ervin Baer, Vice president, Bernard Fleishman, Treasurer, Martin Wertheim, Corresponding Secretary, Sandra Pritchard, Recording Secretary, Gerald Waitman. Ervin asked all the committee chairman who were still on the board to keep the jobs for another year. He reported that Sandra Fleishman, president of the sisterhood brought to his attention that there is lack of security in the kitchen and several items are missing. It was decided to change the locks on the kitchen and the classrooms and issue keys only to those designated by the board.

The first order of business of the board meeting of February 19, 1975 was the financial report. The budget committee reported that last year \$1,450.00 more was spent than was received. With dwindling membership and increased utilities the committee recommended a 20% increase in dues in order to fund the 1975 budget. The board agreed. It was recommended that we request some of the members to increase their dues to the minimum instead of requesting a reduction as they have in

the past. It was decided to have cold drinks available to be paid on the honor system, because the Pepsi machine has been broken into several times. Ervin Baer gave a review of the insurance coverage. The Building was insured for \$585,000.00, insurance on the rock avenue rabbi's house was \$22,500.00, the contents of the center were insured for \$75,000.00, the five large Torahs for \$7,500.00 each and the small Torah for \$1,000.00.

On March 19, 1975 at the congregation meeting Julius Nelson reported that the note is down to \$5,000.00 and he has \$15,000.00 in certificates of deposits in the building fund. John Green made a motion that passed that we pay off the note. Ed Kronsburg reported that Amy Grant had been given a \$300.00 scholarship by B'nai B'rith and we would only take \$700.00 from the scholarship fund. The treasurer, Martin Wertheim, reported that we had 87 units who paid dues last year. 2 pay \$500.00 per year, 2 pay \$350.00, 7 pay \$300.00, 48 pay \$250.00 and 28 pay less of which 13 pay \$125.00. A little over \$11,000.00 in accumulated past due dues was marked off.

On May 20th six members of the building and grounds committee met and inspected the building and came up with an extensive and expensive list of repairs, some twenty three items that need work. They also found several items that need to be taken care of at the Rabbi's house. They also recommended that the small chapel which seats some 15 people be enlarged by tearing out the wall to the rabbi's study, putting in the back row of seats from the main sanctuary and moving the rabbi's study to the class room across the hall.

At the May 21st board meeting Leon Sugar tendered his resignation because he was moving to Richmond, Va. Marvin Rosenberg was the next in line to serve the balance of his term. Our insurance carrier dropped our theft endorsement because we had had too many claims. They suggested a burglar alarm system for the buildings. The report from the building committee inspection was presented and it was suggested that we get bids from two or more general contractors to do it all.

At the June 17th board meeting a bid to repair the roof for \$27,200.00 was received. No mention was made whether it was excepted or not. It was decided to charge \$50.00 per seat for non-members for the high Holy Days.

The quarterly meeting of the congregation was held on June 18, 1975. Again a motion to sell part of the property was defeated. The recommendation from the board to pay off the note at the bank was passed to pay it off on the next renewal date. Rabbi Ucko's request for a raise to \$15,000.00 per year was passed.

At the July 23, 1975 board meeting Martin Wertheim, the treasurer, reported that There was \$2,034.81 in the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund and that all 1974 monies have been paid. He also said that fifty seven tickets for the High Holy Day services had been sold for \$10.00 each. The bid received for weather proofing the entire building was \$17,777.00. No action was taken.

August 20, 1975 the treasurer reported that 174 tickets had been sold, 37 members contributed to the Scholarship fund and \$6,660.00 worth of Aliyahs had been sold. New members voted in were Mrs. Pearl Moff, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baer, and Mrs. Rosy Blum. It was agreed that the board would vote by secret ballot for the recipient of the Community Aliyah and only the chairman would know until the services.

At the October 8, 1975 board meeting new members approved were; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Davis, Dr. Fabian, Hyman Fleishman, Frieda Kraft, and Mr. & Mrs. Irving Schoenfeld. It was voted to have all of the head stones in the cemetery straightened up and cleaned at a cost of \$775.00. AND the note on the building was paid off. Again there was no Rabbi at Fort Bragg and a letter was sent to the chief chaplain at Bragg offering our facilities. A request for a Thursday morning Bar Mitzvah was turned down.

The quarterly meeting of the congregation was held on Sunday evening November 2, 1975 with thirty members present. The three treasurers reports were;

Martin Wertheim, congregation, \$4,764.54 in Bank and \$7687.50 accounts receivable for this year.

Gerald Waitman, cemetery, Capitol Fund \$4,206.76, Maintenance fund \$200.00, Chevra Kadisha \$4,541.76.

Julius Nelson, building fund. \$540.00 in bank, \$15,000.00 in certificates of deposit and the mortgage is paid off and cancelled.

The congregation approved the week day bar mitzvah for Harry Mendelsohn.

Sunday evening December 7, 1975 at the congregation ballot counting meeting the members going off the board were Ervin Baer, Bernard Fleishman, George Stuhl, and Sondra Pritchard. The members elected for three years were Michael Green, Harry Rulnick, Ed Kronsburg, and Bernice Wolff.

The new officers elected at the January 21, 1976 board meeting were; Gerald Waitman, Chairman; Harry Rulnick, Vice Chairman; Michael Green recording secretary; Bernice Wolff, corresponding secretary; and Martin Wertheim, treasurer. The rest of that meeting had to do with delinquent funds due on several accounts from the members.

As one reads of the meetings, the constant need for money and the trials and tribulations in keeping members up to date (in good standing) to meet their income bracket was the most time consuming responsibility of the board. The February and March meeting of 1976 were primarily about delinquent members. Then in March they started planning a major drive to repair the roof, enlarge the small sanctuary and set up a new rabbi's study. They used a \$10,000.00 bequest and set the drive to raise \$20,000.00 by asking each member to pay \$400.00 each.

Shirley Szabo sent in the following; *Bernard and Shirley Szabo moved to Fayetteville in 1976. They are the parents of Lyn Green (Mrs. Michael Green) and Valerie S. Goldenhorn. After Bernie retired he went into business with John Green after buying out Harold Cohen of "Cohen & Green". They moved to Fayetteville from Emporia, Virginia As a holocaust survivor he was called on to speak at many memorials, schools, and Fort Bragg regarding his experiences during that time. He was included in the Fayetteville Observer "Our Century" book by Charles Broadwell.*

His wife Shirley Fine Szabo was born in Massachusetts and is a life member of Hadassah. She has been active in both Hadassah and sisterhood since moving to Fayetteville.

At the March 17, 1976 congregation meeting, Rabbi Ucko announced that he would like to continue as rabbi here until September 1977 and that he plans on retiring here. Irene Linder announced that sisterhood had contributed \$2,000.00 to the rebuilding fund. We found that we had termite damage and the termite contract had not been maintained. The budget for 1976 based on 1975 income was set at \$31,600.00.

At the June 16, 1976 board meeting the building fund report was that they had raised some twelve thousand dollars and that with pledges the total goal of \$20,000.00 will be collected. The sandblasting and brick re-mortaring has been completed.

A meeting of the awards committee of the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund met at 11:30 am Sunday morning with eleven members present. The theme was to define how the awards may be used. Any member of the BBYO may be awarded a \$100.00 scholarship to attend the leadership training conference sponsored by BBYO one time. No funds may be allocated for use in operations in any organization. Requests for aid for tuition will be considered. Joel should be notified of all awards.

June 24, 1976 The congregation acknowledged the resignation of Rabbi Ucko as of August the 31st 1977. Rabbi and Mrs. Ucko will be allowed to live in the Rock avenue house for life rent free. The roof work is now complete.

At the July meeting a motion to buy a new electric refrigerator for the Rabbi's house for \$342.16 passed. Another bid for termite treatment was received. We are again shipping the Torah's to New York for inspection and to be fixed if necessary. The board was notified that the Torahs were insured while in transit by our regular contents insurance policy.

August 18, 1976. Gerald Waitman informed the board that we have a serious termite problem in the TV room behind the kitchen. Harry Rulnick and Julius Nelson were given the authority to sign a contract for termite control. This year the bulletin would ask for \$10.00 for the community Aliyah and \$10.00 for the Scholarship fund.

At the September 15 1976 meeting Harry Rulnick reported that the termite contract had been awarded to Terminix exterminators for \$1,500.00 and \$90.00 per year. Bernice Wolff reported that there now was an alarm installed in the Beema area. Irene Linder reported that the newcomers dinner would be held Sunday night September 19th. Martin Wertheim reported that the Aliyah selling brought in \$8,380.00. Ed Kronsburg made a motion to loan a Torah to Fort Bragg with notification to our insurance company. A motion by Nicey Wolff that we purchase fire proof doors for the eleven outside doors complete with locks and key for \$1,825.00 passed at the October 20, 1976 meeting. A rabbi search committee was appointed. Mr. Kadelak was given a \$50.00 per month raise.

On December 12, 1976 the ballots were counted and the new board members for 1977 were Martin Wertheim, Marvin Rosenberg and Irene Linder. There was a tie between Joel Schur and Herbert Fleishman for the forth member and a run off vote was conducted.

The minutes were missing for the years until 1985. During this period Rabbi Ucko retired and the congregation set up a pension for him of \$1,200.00 per year.

On December the seventh 1976 the Burial Aid Society (the Chevra Kadisha) adopted a policy for the cemetery and it was approved by the congregation in march 1977.

IT IS THE POLICY OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION THAT THE CHEVRA KADISHA, AS VOTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH, THAT;

1. Each funeral home interested shall present a price for one standard funeral with casket, services, etc. to be determined by the Chevra Kadisha.
2. Each funeral home shall present a proposal and copies shall be sent to all families in the congregation.
3. Funeral home shall be informed not to stock more than one model casket.
4. Chevra Kadisha shall be fully in charge of all funerals using Beth Israel facilities
5. The family shall designate which funeral home it chooses.
6. The Chevra Kadisha can refuse to participate at a funeral home where "extra services", more expensive caskets, etc. are sold to the family or when ever there is a breach of Chevra Kadisha rules or customs, by or with the funeral home personnel or management.
7. Viewing shall not be permitted.

Below is a copy of the indenture or deed to a burial plot in the cemetery. It is so long that to make it readable it is over one page long. (actually it is just one full page.)

**NORTH CAROLINA
CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

This INDENTURE made by BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, INC. of the CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, party of the first part,

To _____

Of _____ party of the second part.

WITNESSETH

That the party of the first part for Ten Dollars and other good and valuable consideration to it paid by the party of the second part, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the party of the second part, the perpetual use and occupancy, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, a certain lot (s)

(Description of lot location)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the use and occupancy of the said premises and the privileges thereof unto the said grantee, his heirs and assigns forever for the sole purpose of a place of burial of the dead, which use and occupancy by the said party of the second part, shall at all times be in strict conformity not only with the laws of the State of North Carolina, the rules and regulations of the Cross Creek Cemetery, but also with the rules and regulations of the cemetery committee of the party of the first part, including the ritual prescribed by the said committee, schedule of Rules and Regulations now or hereafter existing with reference to the portion or part of said cemetery owned by the party of the first part, it being expressly understood and this conveyance is executed and delivered with the express reservation by the party of the first part that if said premises at any time shall be used by any person or persons for any other purposes than as herein set forth, or contrary to the rules and regulations, the use, occupation, rights and privileges granted herein shall immediately terminate and revert to the party of the first part, its successors or assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the party of the first part has caused this instrument to be signed in its name by the chairman, and attested by its secretary.

Chairman, Beth Israel Congregation, Inc.

Secretary

Attest:

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (a), All burials must conform with HEBREW RITES.
- (b), Every person to be buried in BETH ISRAEL CEMETERY will be clothed in shrouds.
- © , Only persons of the HEBREW faith can be buried in the BETH ISRAEL CEMETERY.
- (d) No monument and/or marker can be placed on grave or graves until approved by the
cemetery committee of Beth Israel Congregation.
- (e) No monument or marker for grave shall be more than six feet high.
- (f) No cradle, enclosing grave or graves, shall be above the ground.
- (g) Lots and/or graves can be transferred only to the Beth Israel Congregation, Inc.

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**NORTH CAROLINA
CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

I, _____, a notary public in and for the aforesaid county and State, do hereby certify that _____ came before me this day, and being duly sworn says that he is the _____ Secretary _____ of Beth Israel Congregation, Inc. and that he executed the foregoing instrument in its name, by order of said congregation and that said instrument is the act and deed of said congregation.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this ____ day of _____ 20____

Notary Public
My commission expires _____

The minutes for the years from 1978-1985 have not been located at this writing. Several families moved here during this period and they sent in their information.

In July of 1977 Dr. Stephen and Judy Rochman and their children moved to Fayetteville. From Steve's notes; *" Bonnie was 5 years old and Marc was 2. I came here after meeting with Dr. Charles Hoffman at a professional meeting in Chicago which was immediately after finishing my post graduate Urology training at West Virginia University Medical center. I had interviewed at 3 or 4 places in the south, but an active Jewish community was one of our pre-requisites. I remember the first time we were in Fayetteville several months before we relocated. It was a Sunday and we came to the synagogue. Rabbi Ucko was retired but was teaching Sunday school. After classes were over we met with him and Joe Blumenstein. They told us all about Fayetteville, the Jewish community's history and Beth Israel's programs and just generally made us feel welcome."*

"After going to medical school in Tennessee, I already knew I liked the south. Judy had a hard time adjusting but soon agreed that Fayetteville was a wise choice. She has served on the board of the Cape Fear Regional Theater for ten years. She was president in 1994-1995. She was president of The Cumberland County Medical Society Alliance in 1990-1991. She has been a lifelong member of Hadassah, and was president of the local chapter for two years and on the regional board for four years. She has been a Sunday School teacher and education director during part of Rabbi Poliver and Rabbi Mark's tenure. She has been involved in the 'Parent To Parent' program for several years (a program to educate parents on how to keep their kids drug free sponsored by the public school system.)

" Bonnie began public school and religious school the year we arrived. She was the first girl at Beth Israel to recite the Haftorah at her Bat-mitzvah (under the tutorage of Rabbi Mark.) She was Editor of 'The Bulldog' the Terry Sanford high school newspaper and won the ANPA award for excellence in scholastic journalism which was presented by the Fayetteville Publishing company (The Fayetteville Observer). She graduated with honors from UNC at Chapel Hill doing her honors thesis on 'Reporting Biases' based on an exchange program at Hebrew University in Israel. After graduation she went back to Israel and worked for the Boston Globe as a correspondent, became fluent in Hebrew and met her husband Dov Pinker. She is now working for the Raleigh News & Observer in Raleigh.

“Rabbi Ucko came out of retirement from Durham to teach Marc how to conduct both Friday night and Saturday morning services for his Bar-mitzvah. Marc, Elliot Baer, Jared Green, and Ronnie Solomon were fixtures around the shul during their BBYO years. Marc was president of BBYO one year. He also spent a semester at Hebrew University in Israel while enrolled in Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He is currently employed in New York city in the music management industry.

“Judy and I are very proud of the good Jewish education our children got in Fayetteville, frankly better than ours growing up in New York City. We have been members of Beth Israel Congregation since we came here. I have been a member of the Fayetteville Urban Ministry and I am the local ‘MOHEL’ when needed for circumcisions. I have served as President of the Cumberland County Medical society, Chief of staff at Highsmith-Rainey hospital, Chief of surgery and urology at Cape Fear Valley Hospital and helped bring North Carolina’s first lithotripter for treatment of kidney stones to Fayetteville in 1985.”

From a discussion with Jerome Solomon. He was born in Conway, S. C. and went to college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He went into the record business in Durham with his aunt Sylvia’s brother Burt Fleishman. When the market changed he came to Fayetteville to work with his cousin Ronnie for some ten years. His mother came to live with him when his father died. He moved to Atlanta, Ga. For a few years and there met and married his wife Julie Hester. They moved back to Fayetteville and he went to work in Gary Mendelsohn’s Cumberland Furniture Co. for another ten years. His health made it impossible to continue as a salesperson so he then retired

The Solomon family lineage; Just a birds eye view because of the Fayetteville people.

Abraham and Sarah Solomon had six children

Adolph married Elsie Satsky, their home, Conway, SC

Lewis married Edith Schlosberg, their home, Conway, SC. Their son

Jerome married Julie Hester, and their son is named

Louis Solomon

Ezel married Dorothy Gotliibe, their home, Columbia, SC

David Jerry married Sylvia Fleishman their home was Conway, SC

then moved to Fayetteville in 1953. Their Son is Ronnie

Ronnie married Diane. Their children

Eric and Melanie who both live in Fayetteville.

Ester married Joe Fleishman

Bertha married Abe Isman

The Berghoffs moved to Fayetteville in 1979 after four years in Lumberton, NC. They came to Lumberton from the University of Georgia in Athens where Beth completed a doctorate in Exceptional Children. Paul was offered a position at UNC-Pembroke and there was some indication that Beth would find work at the University. They moved from Lumberton to Fayetteville because Beth had found a job as a school psychologist with the Cumberland County Schools. They also felt that the Fayetteville City Schools offered an excellent education and their sons would benefit from exposure to a large and growing Jewish community. Paul retired after 26 years at UNCP. Beth is working four days a week (in June 2001) for the school system and two evenings a week as a marriage and family therapist at Fayetteville Family Life Center, a nonprofit agency. Her real loves are quilting, sewing clothing, cooking, and encouraging Paul in the garden. She paints, he plants.

“They are originally from the Detroit area. Paul lived in the city and Beth grew up in the neighboring suburb of Oak Park. They both went to the University of Michigan and met there when they were in graduate school. In 1968 they were married and moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, then to Greenville, Tennessee where Ethan was born in 1972. The next move was to Athens Georgia where Adar was born in 1975. Both Ethan and Adar were active in the BBYO and both were president of that organization in their time here at Beth Israel Congregation. “Ethan is now a lawyer living in Chicago with a new wife, Lisa, and a dog, Guinness, a 125 pound bull mastiff. Adar just finished his medical degree and is doing a general residency in Portsmouth, Virginia for the Navy.”

Gerald Eckstein sent in a couple of his activities. His parents moved here in 1960. He has been working as an engineer at the Purolator manufacturing plant for a number of years. He was active in the Fayetteville Power Squadron and was president in 1978. He has assisted the Cape Fear Regional Theater in many productions using his electrical and engineering experience. He served on their board from 1992-2001. He is assisting our remodeling of the kitchen.

Bernie Bender moved to Fayetteville in 1978 and opened a 'cut and sew' manufacturing business near Eastover. He and his wife were born in New York City. He was a corpsman in the Navy in WWII then worked as a lathe operator for Fairchild Aviation. In 1959 he got a job with a garment manufacturer as an engineer and later worked with Bobbie Brooks, a large garment manufacturer. They had to move every three years because he was called on to set up many of their plants. He bought his own plant, 'Benel Manufacturing,' and moved his family to Fayetteville in 1978. His wife, Marion, graduated with a degree in Art. She was his office manager while in Fayetteville. They had four children. They were members of Beth Israel Congregation from 1978 to 1988 when they retired and moved to Durham. Cliff Bender now manages Benel Mfg. Co. and does computer programming. He and his wife Alice have been members for many years.

Kaye Green sat down with Ronald Green and e-mailed me Ronald's information. I have done some editing.

Ronald Green was born in Fayetteville to John & Ursula Green on April 22, 1952. He is a first generation American as both of his parents were born in Germany. Ronald went to Tennessee to college and came back here in 1978 to join the family business, Cohen & Green Salvage Company. His father, John Green, and Harold Cohen were running the business and they needed his area of expertise, as an auto diesel mechanic, and general business management to help the business.

Ronald had been working with a very large salvage company and had been active in the Jaycees in Tennessee so when he moved to Fayetteville, he became very active with the Jaycees here. He helped co-ordinate and run the Jaycee Fair in Cumberland County and many other activities of their program.

In 1978 he joined the March of Dimes board of directors. He was involved with many walk-a-thons and many other volunteer things that were part of their program in the city.

In 1980 he married Kaye Neider who had lived in Fayetteville as a teenager. Kaye had a son, Aaron, from a previous marriage. They adopted Aaron after their marriage.

In 1981 Ronald joined the Masons and later the Shriners. He became active in fund raisers and the support of the Children's Hospital sponsored by those organizations. During that year Ronald's and Kaye's son, Mayer Neil, was born three months

early. It was three months before Mayer was brought home from Duke hospital.

In 1984 after Ronald's father passed away, Ronald replaced John on the board of the Salvation Army. John had told all of us that during the Holocaust the Salvation Army was the only agency that helped him and he would never forget that. Neither has his son. Ronald served as chairman of their board for three years. In 1992 he took one of the Rescue and Food canteens to Homestead, Florida with his sons to help people. After that experience he continued to go to hurricane disasters with his children as they became old enough to help. In 1992 Ronald helped design and build the Salvation Army Shelter and Love Lunch Kitchen on Alexander Avenue. For many years he has worked at the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Eventually this turned into Christmas Eve and Christmas Day meals with the help of Ronald's family and several volunteer members of Beth Israel Congregation and other members of the community. This gave the kitchen staff a chance to be home with their families for the holiday.

Ronald also served on the "Share" and "Food Bank Boards". His family and some friends built a 35,000 square feet warehouse for the Southeastern Food bank which is now called the Second Harvest Southeastern food bank which serves seven counties out of Fayetteville. (It is the one I helped start in 1980. I was chairman of their board for many years.)

In the year 2000 he bought and remodeled a building to house The Cape Fear Regional Center for the Blind. Then right next door he remodeled a building for the Better Health group.

Ronald has been on the board of the Synagogue for many years and has served as building and grounds chairman or the driving force of building and grounds no matter what office he was holding on the board. He volunteered for almost everything. He has bought the kosher hot dogs and the steaks for many meals and then led the few who helped cook and prepare them. He was the one who made sure the Potato Latke party was ready on time. He received the community Aliyah in the year 2000. Kaye had received it in 1987.

When Joanna was a member of the marching band of Terry Sanford high school from 1998 until 2000, Ronald helped the band as needed. He pulled the instrument trailer with his truck, even sometimes fixing the trailer or the instruments. He helped at the concession stands at the games and had a new one built

when the school needed it. He was always available as a chaperon for trips. (Kaye thinks that Ronald is a good all around guy and I agree.)

This period when no minutes are available is also the time that Rick and Lise Glazier moved to Fayetteville. (also see page 313)

Rick's great grandparents emigrated from Germany and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. Lise's paternal grandparents, Ray & William Ortenberg, escaped from Russia in 1921 when her grandmother was pregnant with her father's older brother, Ben. They settled in Brooklyn, NY. Her maternal great grandparents emigrated from Romania and eventually settled in Mt. Vernon, NY. They also had a farm in Stroudsburg, PA. Her father, Samuel, met Ruth Fairstein, also from Mt. Vernon, N.Y., while they both were working in Manhattan. They married in 1954.

Richard B. Glazier was born and raised in Allentown, PA. He received a BA degree from Penn State where he met Lise. He then went to Wake Forest University where he received his law degree in 1981. Lise was raised in Briarcliff Manor, NY and went to Penn State where she received a BS degree in Rehabilitation Education. She worked in Washington, DC for two years before she married Rick. They have lived their whole married life in North Carolina since 1979. Philip was born in 1981 and Megan was born in 1984 in Fayetteville. Philip is now a sophomore at UNC Asheville and Megan is a junior at Fayetteville Terry Sanford High School.

In August of 1981 the public defenders office here in Fayetteville hired Rick Glazier right out of the Wake Forest Law School. Philip was five months old. Rick has been a member of the UNC TV Board, the Fayetteville Women's Center board, The Child Advocacy Center board, The Cumberland County School Board since 1996 and chairman two years, the Beth Israel Board and president, and B'nai B'rith. He has just announced that he will run for the NC State House of representatives. He is a member of the firm of Beaver, Holt, Sternlicht, Glazer, Carlin, Britton, and Courie Attorneys. He specializes in employment law and appeals., Lise has also been most active in the community; As a former president of Beth Israel sisterhood and their current secretary, As a former president of the Fayetteville chapter of Hadassah and its current treasurer, former treasurer of the La Leche League, Girl scout troop treasurer, a member of the Junior League of Fayetteville, formerly its recording secretary, chairman of the nominating committee, and Diversity committee chairman. She has been a member of the Alma Eason PTA, the Van Story Hills PTA, the

Hillcrest PTA and the Terry Sanford High School PTA. She has served as president of the Arts Council of Fayetteville and is currently on the board of the Cape Fear Regional Theater. She has been a part time art teacher at 71st Classical Middle school and is working on getting certified in art education.

On January 16, 1985 chairman Gerald Waitman called the board of directors meeting to order. The treasurer reported that we had 126 members. New people voted in as members of the congregation were Dr. Barry Sidenberg and Lt. Col (ret) Bernie Weinberg.

The new officers elected were;

Julius Nelson	Chairman
Michael Green	vice Chairman
Mel Baer	Secretary
Harry Rulnick	Treasurer

At the February 20, 1985 meeting the religious committee bought forward a recommendation that "all women members of Beth Israel congregation be welcomed as full members in every facet of synagogue activities including religious activities." Morris Passar then made a motion to that effect. An amendment was made to just recommend the action. A motion to table lost 5 to 4. So back to the amendment which brought a tie 4 & 4 and the chairman voted against so then back to the original motion which passed 5 to 3 so it will go to the next congregation meeting as a passed motion from the board. A new water fountain in the hall has been donated by Bonner Hubbard owner of a local plumbing supply house. The leak in classroom eight has been fixed. New members Violet Walter and Mr. & Mrs. John Ghar were welcomed. The religious committee voted to purchase a computer for the students use. The money was to be from the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund with enough money included to purchase the NC Jewish educational foundation program.

The board meeting of March 20, 1985 bought Morris Passar's resignation. The board refused to accept it and insisted that he stay on as a member of the board. Ronald Green is to investigate putting in large exhaust fans in the kitchen. Rona Britt, who is our secretary, was voted to receive her dues and her Sunday school fees free instead of a raise and the board is to buy her a new typewriter.

At the congregation meeting of March 24, 1985, A motion was made that we obtain professional counseling before women are given the right to participate in services. Rabbi MarK addressed the group, and several others until the 'question' was called and debate ended. Voting was by secret ballot and the vote was 31 to 14. The meeting was closed. (There were many such discussions throughout the years.) It was in the year 2000 that we started counting women for our minions after we had had to count the Torah as the tenth person for many Saturday morning services and even counting the women sometimes we could not get ten people to start the Saturday morning minion on time many times. By counting the women, within five or ten minutes after the scheduled starting time we always have the ten people.

On April 18, 1985 Judy Rochman and Harold Cohen addressed to board about a new Tile floor to cost about six thousand dollars and that the sisterhood would contribute \$3000.00. Harry Rulnick reported that we had a minus balance in the bank account. Joel Schur reported that he had not met the new Rabbi (Chaplain) at Fort Bragg. He reported a \$35.00 profit on the second Seder of Passover. Gerald Waitman reported that the city had passed a law that all graves must have a cement liner or vault. It was suggested that Mildred Evans be asked to discuss the problem since she is now the mayor pro-tem of the city council. Morris Passar has rejoined the board. A heated discussion was held again about counting the women. A religious committee was appointed to obtain counsel.

At the board meeting of May the 16th Steve Rochman made a request that his daughter, Bonnie, be allowed to read from the Torah for her Bat mitzvah and to please get an answer from the experts so that the congregation can vote on it. The outside benches made by Cohen and Green have been installed outside. Classroom eight is still leaking. Michael Green reported that we will get in writing that the congregation will be exempt from the city ordinance requiring cement liners for graves. Rose Parsek reported that there was no minion Saturday. The rabbi waited until eleven o'clock and he just left. The bulletin was not mailed this month because the man who makes the address labels no longer makes them.

Wes Taukchiray was born in Charleston, South Carolina and graduated from The University of South Carolina with a degree in anthropology and history. He lived in Columbia, SC for several years then moved to live with the Lumbee Indians in 1983.

He writes; I have had an office for 19 years, since 1982, in the Indian Law unit, for which I am the main researcher, of the Lumbee River Legal Services in Pembroke, NC. I work out of that office and also for the 'Native American Rights Fund' and for a businessman who is a lover of knowledge. I travel extensively always by bus or ship unless directly ordered to fly, as very seldom happens. I enjoy flying very much, but 70,000 Americans an hour (and rising) in the air at one time is too many. I have an eleven year old daughter and I support her, her half-sister, and her mother. Since sometime around 1987 I have had my neighbors drive me from where I live in rural Robeson County to Shul in Fayetteville, because I can't drive. I have never stayed more than a few nights at a time in Fayetteville. I think four nights once. I have lived with four Indian tribes in the Carolinas long enough to get my mail there. They are; (the) Lumbee, Hgliwa-Saponi, Cohane, and Evista.

June 20, 1985. Judy Rochman thanked the board for repairing the center, and now she asked that the grounds be put in good shape for her daughter's bat-mitzvah in August. The treasurer reported that there is \$12,068.00 in the savings account and \$4,336.00 in the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund. The Building and grounds treasurer had gotten bids on a new tractor to be used to maintain the grounds. The price was \$1,700.00 and the vote was 4 for, 3 against and 2 abstaining. (why this kind of vote?) Ronald Green passed out the Constitution and by-laws that had last been revised in 1972. A new constitution committee was recommended to review and suggest revisions. Rose Parsek's request that Dale Pritchard's tuition be paid out of the scholarship fund was approved. Harry Rulnick, chairman of the rabbi search committee, reported that the only conservative rabbi that he had found was now in Florida.

At the July meeting of the congregation, Mel Baer again, made his motion to count women "In every facet of synagogue activities." The final vote this time was 22 for and 24 against. A vote was proposed to see if there is interest of having only one congregation meeting per year. 18 for and 17 against.

Rose Parsek brought in a newspaper article about a set of Torah Crowns which are used as ornaments to slide over the end of the shafts upon which the Torah scrolls are rolled. In 1986 a customer asked the manager of the Spring Lake, NC Big Star Grocery store to allow him to weigh some sterling silver ornaments on his meat scale. "The Manager, Jerry Parsek, 32, recognized the two objects as Jewish Torah Metal ornaments placed atop the parchment scrolls containing the first five books of the Bible. He told his mother, Rose, who asked to speak to the man. "He, the customer, really did not know what he had," said Mrs. Parsek, a European-born Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust and has been living in Fayetteville for 31 years. He had gotten those from a GI who had the ornaments for twenty-five years. She bought the ornaments from the man, had them cleaned up and polished, and they have adorned a Torah at Beth Israel ever since.

At age 17, Rose Henner Parsek saw Nazis burn Jewish synagogues and prayer books in Berlin. She remembers "Kristallnacht" the night of broken glass, November 19, 1938 when anti-Semitic riots broke out in Germany and Austria.

"Even non-Jewish people who worked in Jewish stores started to clean up," she said, "The Nazis came around and yelled, "what are you cleaning up for the Jews for?"

After her father was taken away by the Nazis, Mrs. Parsek's family fled Europe in 1939 for the Japanese-held port of Shanghai in eastern China. They lived in a ghetto like international settlement. She met her husband Clarence Parsek when he came to Shanghai in 1946 as a US military policeman (MP). He retired as a major from Fort Bragg and the family settled here in Fayetteville. Both of their sons, Jerry & Johnny are members of Beth Israel Congregation.

Rabbi Mark told the reporter that, the Torah crowns were apparently from Eastern Europe made in the mid to late eighteenth century. Mrs. Parsek took the Torah crowns to Wayne Sessoms who has been in the jewelry manufacturing business for some fifteen years and he restored them. Mr. Sessoms said, "each one of these pieces had to be 'hand done'. It was stamped by the maker. Each piece had the same markings, made by the same man. They are old masters work.

Rose has been on the board of the congregation for many years. She assumed the responsibility to see that there is always food available for necessary occasions. She saves the left over food from every occasion, freezes it and serves it as needed. There is no waste when Rose is around.

The August 1985 meeting was still in handwritten form. The insurance coverage on the new tractor was quoted at \$500.00 per year so they decided to look for other rates. Joel Schur, the social events chairman, called off the September 28th social. Michael Green said that the Sunday school teachers should not purchase their own school supplies. It was suggested that the Rabbi turn in a list of needed school supplies to the chairman of the school committee and the chairman should buy them including the books. Instead of the one meeting per year for the congregation, the board suggested two meeting per year and this passed. Hannah Grant moved that we invite Joel Fleishman to again be our cantor which, of course, passed. Seats for the High Holy Days were set at \$25.00 for adults, \$15.00 for member's children and \$75.00 for non-members.

September 19, 1985 Doris Rulnick asked that a donation be given to the Urban Ministry program. This was turned over to the Beth Israel Federated Charities. Harry Rulnick suggested that we wave the Sunday school fees for three children that were in Mrs. Land's custody. This passed. The building and grounds committee reported that the engine blew up on the new tractor. It was moved and passed that we demand a new tractor.

At the October 17, 1985 board meeting Ronald Green reported that there were sixty six children registered in Sunday School. It was determined that the damage to the tractor was due to our negligence. The tractor has been fixed and is now in use. Chairman Nelson gave Mr. Kadelak full instructions about maintenance of the tractor. All flammable material is to be stored in the Quonset hut on the grounds at all times.

The November board meeting had complaints about the Kitchen and the clean up of the classrooms. It was announced that we had received \$94,171.00 from the estate of Jerry Union and it was deposited in Merrill Lynch for investment. The board voted to acknowledge and thank the Union Family for the bequest. Gerald

Waitman moved and the board passed a motion to call this the 'C'hai' fund, and that the interest only be spent for operations. Also that the principal could be spent only on an affirmative vote by 51% of the membership. Michael Green was appointed to explore redoing the kitchen. New members were Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Weingarten and Mark Sternlicht.

The congregation meeting of November 21, 1985 had 21 members present. Reports; there were ninety people at the Friday night services. A joint Fort Bragg and Beth Israel party with a Jewish entertainer was held on the post. This Saturday night there will be a congregational social. Joel Schur is trying to get some Jewish films for showing here. Morris Passar agreed, as the official minion caller, not to call for minions on Saturdays. The congregation voted against the 51% rule and tabled the vote on how to use the 'C'hai' fund. A special committee was appointed to come back with a recommendation. The members whose term expires this year are Mel Baer, Hannah Grant, Rose Parsek, and Joel Schur.

December 19 1985 The New board members were Monroe Evans, Rose Parsek, Virginia Satsky, and Joel Schur. They also passed a motion to use the 'C'hai' fund for bequests not otherwise designated, to be invested at the direction of the board, and to use the interest for operations. Three fourths of the board must approve any capital expenditure and then it must be ratified by a majority of the congregation present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

January 8, 1986 Old business was cleared before new officers were elected. The treasurers all reported that the financial status was all right. A motion was passed that in order to be a member in good standing it shall be necessary to have all 1985 dues and other obligations paid by January 31, 1986. Rabbi Mark has given notice that he will leave about the middle of July. A committee was appointed to begin the search for a new Rabbi. It was noted that four other North Carolina synagogues are looking for new rabbis. The new officers were

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Monroe Evans	Vice Chairman
Virginia Satsky	Secretary
Harry Rulnick	Treasurer

Michael Green suggested that the storage area off the center auditorium be made into a gift shop and a part of the sucah on the other side of the building be used as a storage room also that the present classroom, being used as a gift shop, be made into a congregation office. This was referred to the building and grounds committee. Signed by Virginia Satsky, secretary.

At the February 12, 1986 meeting of the board Harry Rulnick, treasurer, presented the financial statements in which he showed that the total expenditures for 1984 was \$113,175. For 1985 the budget was \$68,000 and the actual expenditures were \$114,777. He recommended an increase in dues of \$50.00 per person. Compliments were given all around for the work done by the members of the board. Kaye Green praised the quality of the Sunday school teachers. Joel Schur announced that \$25,000.00 had been given to UJA from the Federated charities.

At the board meeting of March 12, 1986 Ronald Green reported that the new storage room has been completed. It was passed to renovate the ladies rest room near the chapel using building fund money. We also needed to inspect and repair the heating and air conditioning system for economy of operation. A new water heater has been purchased for Rabbi Ucko's house. Seven more applications from Rabbis have been received, but no candidates yet.

May 7, 1986 This meeting was primarily to prepare a package to offer a new rabbi. The salary would be \$2,250.00 per month to equal \$27,000.00 per year with cash for allowance of \$125.00 per month for utilities and \$163.00 per month for health insurance for total cash yearly of \$30,456.00. The residence is worth \$525.00 per month so the total remuneration would be \$36,756.00. If necessary we can add either a convention allowance of \$600.00 or a retirement allowance of \$1800.00 (or 5% of cash salary)

At the June 17th meeting Rabbi Ucko informed the board that since his second wife's contract at Fort Bragg was over that they would be moving to Durham. Since he was given the use of the house on Rock avenue as a retirement home for life, he wanted an agreement to receive compensation for not using the house. A committee was appointed to reach an agreement. The car that had been used by Rabbi Mark was to be offered for sale. Irving

Barker, building fund chairman, reported that Dave Shavitz had left a bequest of \$500.00 and suggested that we use the funds to buy new prayer books. Ronald Green, Building & Grounds chairman, reported that the ladies room had been renovated and that Seymour is continuing to work on the air conditioner. Roof repairs are still needed and bids were being called for. Rabbi Mark will be allowed to take the furniture given him except the dining room suit. Another group of seven applications for rabbi were passed out for discussion. There were many motions made about an agreement with Rabbi Ucko about the house on Rock Avenue. But they had to get an agreement from him to settle the arrangement. The final terms were that he would receive \$280.00 per month as long as he lived. In the meantime, Rabbi mark was moving out in July and they had to get his house renovated for new occupancy.

At the August 6, 1986 board meeting It was decided to put a bedroom suite in the parsonage for visiting rabbi applicants to spend the night. Joel Fleishman was to be invited to conduct the High Holy Day services again. They hired Tanya Jones to teach Hebrew school, Sunday school and to work with bar mitzvah candidates at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Without a Rabbi the congregation depended on Michael Green to daven (lead the services.) I agreed to write a synapses of the weekly portion to be read instead of a sermon each week. Michael called on a few others from time to time to help out. The board retained a student Rabbi for the high Holy days and they fixed up the rabbi's house so that he could stay there. The board also bought a used copy machine from Merrill Lynch to be used in the office.

At the October 1986 meeting the board was notified that Mr. Kadelak, the custodian, was going to retire and a replacement was to be sought. Rabbi Ucko was asked to conduct several services during this period.

Ronald Green reported at the November 12th meeting that the sagging steel beam has caused a leak in the roof. It was decided to get a structural engineer to tell us what to do.

The December 18, 1986 meeting of the board brought the resignation from the board of Gerald Waitman. The board voted to give Mr. Kadelak a \$500.00 Chanukah gift and a raise of \$100.00 per month, and Mrs. Kadelak a \$100.00 gift. (so I guess he decided not to retire) The three members elected to the board for the new term were Harry Rulnick, Ronald Green and Mel Baer. The roof is still leaking and Ronald is to check with Ben Huske, the structural engineer, again. A report from the Religious Activities and Services Committee was read and discussed and adopted until we get a rabbi. The same prayer books as had been used would be used for all services. Friday night services would include women in the services. A traditional Shabbat service will be conducted in the main sanctuary beginning at 9:00 a.m. requiring ten men. A modified Shabbat service will be conducted in the chapel Saturday morning at 9:30 am. The service will be shortened and women will participate fully in the service. Following both services at 11:00 a.m. all of the congregation will meet in the social room for a kiddish (which means the prayer along with a small glass of wine then a prayer and the sharing of a loaf of chalah bread and a few cookies).

At the First meeting of the board in 1987 on January the 22nd Rabbi Zisook of Fort Bragg was introduced and he suggested a joint sponsorship of a Jewish folk singer. The board voted for participation with \$500.00 from the scholarship fund. The next order of business was the resignation of Irving Barker from the board, but he was asked to continue his building fund position. He agreed. The new officers

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Julius Nelson	Treasurer
Harry Rulnick	Financial Secretary

On February 18, 1987 a special meeting of the congregation was called to discuss and elect Rabbi Samuel. After much discussion it was voted to extend a contract to him. The next night a regular board meeting was held and the various committee assignments were approved. Michael Green and Joel Schur reported that Rabbi Samuel had verbally agreed to the contract and would be here in April. Harold Cohen agreed to get Howard Margulies from Raleigh to design a new kitchen layout. Michael Green was

to try to get someone to read the Megilla for Purim. Rona Britt the bulletin editor was voted a raise to \$1200.00 per year. Jimmy Fleishman was approved to fill the unexpired term of Irving Barker.

April 16, 1987. Michael Green informed the board that Rabbi Samuel had refused our offer and therefore all advertisements had been renewed. He also said that services for Passover will be held on schedule as usual. Harold Cohen said that the pine straw had been removed from the gutters of the Rock avenue house. Jimmy Fleishman thanked everyone for their cooperation for the hot dog night Chassidic folk singer affair. Lester Seidenberg set up an excellent sound system. It was voted to buy a gift for Rabbi Zisook for his cooperation with us and that we send a letter to his commanding officer commending him since he is leaving in June. Dan McMillan, an architect, was asked about how much it would cost to design two separated stainless steel kitchens. His estimate was around \$75,000.00. The move to put the gift shop in the storage room and to change the use of other rooms was put off because the roof was leaking again. A new Yahrzeit list was prepared to be read at Yizkor services. It was decided to try to get a rabbi to come here every other week to conduct services.

There were ten members present at the May 21, 1987 board meeting. Bruce Bear introduced some necessary changes in our by laws to allow us to operate bingo games for cash prizes as required by changes in the state and federal tax laws. It was announced that the Founders Plaque had been installed and the new Yahrzeit plaque had been installed in the sanctuary. Two more rabbis are scheduled to visit for week end try outs. The house on Rock avenue was put up for rent. Several families agreed to prepare meals for the visiting rabbis and they would stay in the parsonage with borrowed furniture for their use. The architect was retained to prepare his plans for remodeling the kitchen.

The regular congregation meeting was held On May the twenty-sixth. Michael Green, the religious chairman, told about the try outs for the rabbis, and Harold Cohen reported that the Rock avenue house was rented. Kaye Green, religious school director, announced that the last day of Sunday School will be May 31. The I. R. S. requirements for non-profit bingo game

operation charter changes were approved so that we could continue to have bingo games with cash prizes. The next four pages is a copy of the new revised charter from the state. A motion was made to rescind the resolution allowing women to participate in services under certain conditions. There was much discussion and the decision was to give proper notice and vote at the next meeting of the congregation in the fall.

A special meeting of the congregation was called for June 16, 1987 and Rabbi Armon was voted a three year contract at \$30,000.00 plus \$4800.00 allowance for utilities and use of the house.

At the June 25th board meeting Mike Green reported that rabbi Armon had signed the contract and that he would be here by July the tenth. Ronald Green agreed to get the house ready and to help with the moving. The purchase of a new sound system from Lester Seidenberg was approved. The roof appears to have been repaired again but the roofer is waiting for the next heavy rain before a bill is mailed. This time the cost was around \$3,500.00. Again a motion was carried to change the use of the several rooms for the gift shop, the office, and the rabbi's office.

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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (3 sheets) to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

OF

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, INCORPORATED

and the probates thereon, the original of which was filed in this office on the 1st day of June 1987, after having been found to conform to law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in Office, at Raleigh, this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord 1987.



Thad Eure
Secretary of State
By *[Signature]*
Deputy Secretary of State

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF
BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, INCORPORATED

The undersigned non-profit corporation, for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 55A-36 of the North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation Act, hereby sets forth:

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SECRETARY OF STATE
NORTH CAROLINA

I

1. Name of Corporation- BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, INCORPORATED.

II

2. At a regularly convened meeting of the members of the Corporation held on the 26th day of May, 1987, the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation were adopted:

a. The Second paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation is deleted and replaced with the following: "The location of the principal office of the said corporation in this State is 2204 Morganton Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 28303".

b. Sub-section (a) of the Third paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation is deleted and replaced with the following language: "To establish and maintain congregational worship with the forms, rituals, ceremonies, customs and usages of the conservative Jewish Faith; the membership in said congregation being in accordance with the conservative Jewish Ritual and being a self governing body, subject to said ritual."

c. Sub-section (c) of the Third paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation is deleted and replaced with the following language: "Admission to the congregation being in accordance with the said forms, rituals, ceremonies, customs, rites and usages of the conservative Jewish ritual."

d. The following language is added to the end of

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the Fourth paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation: "The purposes of which this organization is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law."

e. The following paragraphs are added to the Articles of Incorporation: "Sixth: "Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt under Federal Income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law."

"Seventh: "In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501 (c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purposes."

III

The corporation has members with voting rights. A quorum was present at the meeting held on the above date; and the said Amendments received at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by members present at such meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the corporation has caused this document to be executed in its name by its President and Secretary, this 26th day of May, 1987.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION INCORPORATED

BY: Monroe E. Evans
Monroe E. Evans, President

Virginia L. Satsky
Virginia L. Satsky, Secretary

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

This is to certify on this the 26th day of May, 1987, personally appeared before me Monroe E. Evans and Virginia L. Satisky, each of whom, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she signed the foregoing "Articles of Amendment" in the capacity indicated, and the statements therein contained are true and correct.

Monroe E. Evans
Notary Public

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Joel Schur resigned from the board at the July meeting and Rick Glazier was appointed to fill the unexpired term. The roof bill this time was \$5,800.00 instead of the \$3,500.00 estimate. The board voted to endorse the proposal by the city to build a sidewalk along Morganton road. There was further discussion on converting the use of the three rooms.

A steering committee met with new Rabbi Armon to discuss how we operate here. Everything was in order.

August 10, 2001 new members were Dr. & Mrs. Martin Chipman and Andrea Levine-Saterstad. Rabbi Armon requested that he wanted the congregation to pay self employment tax to him instead of participating in social security and he wanted both drapes and Venetian blinds at his windows. Both were denied. The religious school committee proposed guidelines for operations and discipline for Sunday school and the Junior congregation which were accepted. \$1,250.00 was allowed for text books. The religious committee has decided to go to the "Tri-Annual" cycle for the Torah readings. This means that one third of each weekly portion is read each year so that it will take three years on a weekly basis to read the entire torah of fifty four portions. Joel Fleishman has agreed to participate in the High Holy Services again this year. The women's issue solution to be proposed at the September 1st congregation meeting was as follows;

1. A male minion would result in a traditional service.
2. If there is no male minion, women will be counted and a complete service will be held.
3. During the High Holy Days women may receive honors other than going up for the Torah service.
4. Bar/Bat Mitzvah services will be left to the discretion of the concerned families with the Rabbi's guidance.

The meeting continued to discuss additional requests from Rabbi Armon. No action was taken on any of them. The cost of memorializing the new rabbi's study was set at \$5,000.00 and Gary Mendelsohn agreed to move the classroom plaque of the Rosenfelds to another class room. Michael Green announced that due to increased turn out for the Saturday morning services we would move into the main sanctuary. He went on to say that Rabbi Armon was forgetting appointments quite frequently. Rona

Britt has decided to give up her job as the bulletin editor and Sally Parsek has agreed to be the new editor.

On August the 24th the constitution committee of Mel Baer, Irving Barker, Harry Rulnick, Rick Glazier and Monroe Evans met and reviewed the 1972 constitution and determined that Article XI, "Privileges of Members" Section 1 states (that) "Every member in good standing Entitled to the rights and benefits as set out in this constitution shall be entitled to the following privileges:" and in item B) "Participation in services." The women had been members and had been voting at all congregation meetings for some time. A list of the members at that time listed 195 adults with voting privileges and 15 non members on the bulletin roster.

The list of the members of the congregation on August 16, 1987 follows;

Dory S. Arkin	Rabbi Manuel & Phyllis Armon
Bruce Baer	Edythe Baer
Ervin & Helga Baer	Melvin & Barbara Baer
Richard & Risa Baer	Col. Irving & Helen Barker
Bernie & Marian Bender	Cliff & Alice Bender
Doctors Paul & Beth Berghoff	Isadore & Fanny Bernstein
Celia Bloom	Florence Blumenstein
Samuel & Lillian Boxer	Rona Britt
Jake & Ida Brody	Sadie Brody
Mary Cheplow	Dr. Martin & Sandy Chipman
Florence Cohen	Harold Cohen
Morris & Gilda Cohen	Lillian & Bernard Davis
Dr. Arthur & Chana Deutsh	Gerald & Jennifer Eckstein
Monroe & Mildred Evans	Dr. Dennis Fabian
Jerome & Faye Fleishman	Herbert & Marilyn Fleishman
Harry & Bessie Fleishman	Harvey Fleishman
Henry & Dorothy Fleishman	Hyman Fleishman
James & Sandra Fleishman	Dr. Joel Fleishman
Dr. Malcolm & Ellie Fleishman	Maurice & Dot Fleishman
Minda Fleishman	Dr. Stephen Fleishman
Stuart Fleishman	Steve & Pam Freedman
Charles & Deborah Friedman	John & Robyn Gahr
Dr. John & Jerry Gimesh	Lillian Ginsberg
Richard & Lise Glazier	Major Leon Goldstein
Hannah & Earl Grant	Michael & Lyn Green

Ronald & Kaye Green	Ursula Green
Debbie Heath	Helen Kanzer
Sarah Kanzer	Ida Karesh
Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Kellogg	Lillian Kent
Ronald & Elizabeth Kimmel	Muriel Kronsberg
Martin & Alice Leder	Ruth Leder
Dr. Jeff & Sharman Leinwand	Dr. Robert & Rose Lessem
Dr. Stephen Levenberg	Leonard & Lillian Levenson
Ben Levine	Albert & Miriam Levy
Irene Linder	Bessie Margolis
Dr. Jeff & Barbara Margolis	Dr. Morton & Ronnie Meltzer
Gary Mendelsohn	Bernie Milgram
Pearl Moff	Sidney Moore
Sarah Neider	Julius & Marilyn Nelson
Judith Norman	Dr. Michael & Deborah Okin
Jerry Parsek	Johnny & Sally Parsek
Rose Parsek	Morris Passar
Esther Pearson	Sondra Pritchard
Dr. Stephen & Judy Rochman	Bea Rosenberg
Marvin Rosenberg	Dr. Manfred & Sonja Rothstein
Harry & Doris Rulnick	Morris & Estelle Sabath
Harry & Fanny Satisky	Steve & Virginia Satisky
Joel & Marcia Schur	Lester & Evelyn Seidenberg
Ceil Shavitz	Dr. Richard & Susan Shereff
Dr. Barry & Eleanor Sidenberg	Dr. Norman & Dore Snyder
Jerome & Julie Solomon	Ronnie & Dianne Solomon
Sylvia Solomon	Paul & Dorothy Sonkin
Herlyn Stein	Mark & Jeanne Sternlicht
Martin & Gail Sternlicht	George & Edith Stuhl
Allen & Jan Sugar	Leon & Mickey sugar
Bernie & Shirley Szabo	Phyllis Thompson
Brad Union	Lillian Union
Morton & Terri Union	Rita Untermeyer
Gerald & Rosalind Waitman	Ida Waitman
Violet Walter	Lt.Col. Bernard Weinberg
Lewis & Joanna Weingarten	Martin & Lotte Wertheim
Nice Wolff	Sid & Peggy Wolinsky
Sanford & Ruth Zinn	

I have copied the minutes of the September 1st meeting of the congregation verbatim however the explanations between brackets are added..

"The September 1, 1987 special meeting of Beth Israel Congregation was called to order by chairman Monroe Evans. Chairman Evans began to explain the events leading up to the confusion over the resolution concerning the participation of women in religious services that was made at the November 24, 1986 congregation meeting. He then opened up the floor for questions and discussion concerning the present "mess". Chairman Evans asked for a motion from the floor that would limit discussion. Rick Glazier moved that each person be allowed to speak no more than twice for a total of six minutes; Marilyn Fleishman seconded and the motion passed.

Michael Green, religious committee chairman, presented the recommendations of his committee as follows; 1) If ten men were present, a traditional service would be held and women would not be allowed Torah Aliyahs (the honor of being called to the pulpit to witness the reading of part of the day's portion). 2) If there were not ten men present, a complete service would still be held and women would be called to the Torah. 3) The High Holidays would be traditional and women would not be allowed Torah Aliyahs, but could receive other honors. 4) At Bar/Bat Mitzvah services (The formal service when a child of thirteen is initiated into the responsibility of adulthood) it would be left up to the desires of the individual families under the guidance of the Rabbi.

Discussion followed. Michael Green moved that for this year only the High Holiday services be traditional and only men be allowed to receive Torah Aliyahs and that changes in the constitution be sent to the constitution committee for study. Chairman Evans denied the motion on the basis of his interpretation of what the (present) constitution would allow in this respect.

Mildred Evans moved that the procedures for the High Holidays be turned over to the Rabbi and the religious committee to do as they see proper. Lotte Wertheim offered a friendly amendment that this procedure be in effect until the November congregational meeting. Mildred accepted the amendment to her motion and the motion was then seconded. Chairman Evans then announced that this motion would have to be passed by a two third vote of those present (because it was a change from the present constitution and by-laws). Discussion followed as to whether the motion on the floor was legal within the parameters of the constitution. Ellie Fleishman moved that a majority vote be sufficient to override the chairman's 2 / 3 vote ruling; Morris

Passar seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Malcolm Fleishman called for the question. Elle's motion to over-ride the chair passed. Ronald Green called for a secret ballot on Mildred's motion. A secret ballot was taken and the motion carried 55 to 12

Michael Green then addressed those present reminding them to leave the meeting as friends and to go into the upcoming Holy Days in a unified manner. There being no further business, Chairman Evans adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, VIRGINIA SATISKY secretary"

The September 17, 1987 meeting of the board. The meeting opened with Rabbi Armon in attendance because he had some concerns to share with the board. He asked how often should he give a report to the board. After discussion, it was agreed that once a quarter would be sufficient. He asked about Sunday school and it was suggested that should be in the quarterly report also. Kaye Green as religious school chairman will continue to be the spokesperson for her committee. Rabbi Armon requested that she coordinate her report with him. The board agreed to welcome and share any problem any time he thought it was necessary. After the Rabbi left the meeting, there was a general discussion of wariness about the conduct of the rabbi. There was much discussion about the constitution and the interpretation. A motion to allow the congregation to decide by an amendment to the constitution if women may be allowed to participate at Torah reading passed 4 to 3.

At the October 21, 1987 board meeting Rabbi Armon questioned the previous meeting minutes about purchasing supplies. He presented a report on the Hebrew school and the Sunday School. He asked for a \$100.00 petty cash fund to buy supplies. It was decided that the old boiler should be removed and eight heat pumps be bought for the class rooms. Many housekeeping items and repairs were discussed. Harold Cohen announced at the November meeting of the congregation that new carpet had been put in the classrooms that needed it. The plans for the new kitchens that were prepared by Dan McMillan were approved. Only one person opposed the motion. Then there was a long and heated discussion about the changes in the new constitution and by laws. Most of the changes were approved, but there were some unhappy people.

Ballots for the election of new board members were counted at the December 9, 1987 board meeting and the elected members were Harold Cohen, Michael Green, Sandra Pritchard and Julius Nelson. 194 ballots were mailed and 123 were returned and counted. Terri Union and Roz Waitman, the scholarship committee, recommended that a \$600.00 scholarship be voted from the Joel Fleishman Fund for tuition for a student to attend Campbell College. It passed. A three page letter was found in the file from Kaye Green and her religious committee stating many problems with Rabbi Armon. Some were the changing of meeting times at the last minute, and not meeting when an appointment had been made. He stated that he was only on duty forty hours a week and they were expecting more. The committee was most disappointed with him.

Received from Dr. Martin & Sandy Chipman written by Sandy.

Martin was raised in an Orthodox household in Norwood Maine in a family with three children. Sandy was studying Judaism at the time she met Martin in 1974 when they met and married.

Wilmington, N.C. has been their "home of record" throughout the years.

"Until 1987, Martin's army service and academic career in medicine has taken us to many temporary homes in the US and abroad. Martin's most interesting assignments were as science exchange officer (medical military attaché) to Israel and visiting professor of neurology at the Hebrew University in Israel. As a result of our many moves, we have experienced a wide range of Jewish Communities.

"Since Martin's retirement from Fort Bragg in 1987, we have been members of Beth Israel Congregation. Martin has been in private practice in the community, I have worked in social work and become an RN, and our son, Joseph, graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and is now a student at Ross University School of Medicine.

"For the past 13 years, Beth Israel has been a primary focus in our lives. The synagogue has helped nurture in our family a sense of Jewish identity that we never experienced before. The acceptance which we found in this small diverse congregation has for us been the very essence of 'Yiddishkeit'. During Rabbi Levanon's tenure, our Jewish education, our holiday and Shabbat observances and understanding of what it means to be a Jew, have all been magnified and further strengthened.

"We look forward to continuing to contribute to the building and perpetuation of our congregation and the Jewish community in Fayetteville. "

Dr. Martin Chipman has been very active in the synagogue operation. He served as Vice President for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 and served as president during the year 2001.

At the meeting of January 13, 1988 a letter from Kaye Green requested that the school rooms be locked when not being used for class rooms. Mel Baer volunteered to get eight locks for the class rooms and get them all keyed alike and to get them installed. The outside classroom doors "need to be shaved and fixed so that they open only from the inside." All other outside doors need new locks with the same key to fit all. The officers elected for the new year were;

President	Monroe Evans
Vice President	Ronald Green
Secretary	Virginia Satsisky
Treasurer	Harry Rulnick

The committee chairman for the coming year 1988 were

Religious	Michael Green
Building & Grounds	Harold Cohen
Military Affairs	Bernard Weinberg
Finance	Harry Rulnick
Welcome & Membership	Rose Parsek
Sickness & Visitation	Sandra Pritchard
Federated Charities	Bruce Baer and Gary Mendelsohn
Constitution	Mel Baer
Grievance	Virginia Satsisky
Public Affairs & publicity	Sandra Pritchard
Security	Mel Baer
Rabbi's Committee	Harry Rulnick, Rick Glazier, & Julius Nelson

The first motion was to instruct the new Rabbi's committee to meet with him and tell him of the great displeasure the board has had with the nature and tenor of his written notice to the board and to schedule the programs for the children's activities. A motion not to refund any of the fifty dollar contributions originally made for seats in the sanctuary passed. (This was referring to the contributions made in 1950 to pay for seats) The request for \$500.00 from the Joel Fleishman Scholarship fund committee to finance Gerri Baer and Bonnie Rochman to the BBYO Invitational Leadership training camp was changed to \$400.00 each and approved. Hadassah Has scheduled a Bingo game for March 5th. Marcie Fleishman's wedding is March 12th. The board thanked Ronald Green and Johnny Parsek for removing the snow from the parking lot so that the Solomon Bar Mitzvah could go on as planned.

A special meeting was called for January 21, 1988 to report to the board that the contractor's price to remodel the kitchen was \$125,000.00 instead of the \$50,000.00 as projected. The decision was to try to cut back, get additional bids and meet again.

Another special meeting was called February 2nd. The report after all the cutting came to about \$100,000.00 because of extensive termite damage repair and the requirement of far more electrical work than was originally anticipated. A bid to revamp the heating and air conditioning system in all the classrooms, the offices and library including removing

the old boiler and putting in an Apollo hot water heating system was \$125,000.00. After much discussion, finally it was agreed to spend \$2,600.00 to repair the dampers on the present system. Additional bids would be sought on both projects.

At the February board meeting, initially, the board heard several complaints from congregants concerning the rabbi. The complaints were written and verbal on the inability and unwillingness of the rabbi to function as a teacher. Many parents were afraid to come forward because of the Rabbi's temper. When the guests all filed out the board went into regular session. Regular operational problems were taken care of. A motion passed unanimously to call for an evaluation meeting with the rabbi to determine whether the rabbi is "adequately and substantially performing his duties as outlined in his contract."

A special meeting of the board was called for February 21, 1988. All members were present to hear of the additional problems with Rabbi Armon. It was decided to hire an attorney outside the congregation to advise us on how to proceed with the Armon problem. The second Seder meal was priced at \$12.00 per adult and half price for children. Any loss on the service would be carried by the congregation.

At the March 9, 1988 board meeting Steve and Judy Rochman requested that the board assure them that the kitchen would be ready for their bar mitzvah in September. After that Judy related an incident with the rabbi. As required by law a separate bank account has been set up for the bingo money. Harold Cohen reported that all classrooms had been renovated. The Lowest bid for the new heating and air-conditioning system was from Cross Creek Heating and Air Conditioning for \$20,500.00. A seven page letter was sent to Todd Hemphill of a law firm in Raleigh explaining the various incidents and problems with rabbi Armon and asked him to represent the congregation. In the meantime we received a letter from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America announcing that they were citing Rabbi Manuel Armon with a special degree because of his scholarly contributions to the Conservative movement. (The board could not believe it.)

On March 27 another special meeting was held between attorney Todd Hemphill and the board where it was decided to offer a \$9,999.00 settlement if rabbi Armon would resign by June the thirtieth. Armon was called in and he was given the agreement to sign and twenty four hours to make his decision.

He did not sign the agreement. On April the 12th the regular meeting of the board was held. The Sunday school was planning a trip to visit the State Museum of Art in Raleigh. Building and grounds reported that the installation of the heating and air conditioning units were almost complete. The Termite damage in the kitchen is being treated and repaired. An ad hoc committee was appointed to take evidence of formal charges against the rabbi in formal session. They were; Mel Baer, chairman, Harry Rulnick, Rick Glazier, Rita Edelman, and Mark Sternlicht. A letter was to be sent to the Rabbi calling for a closed session to be held on May the first at two p.m. with our attorney and a stenographer. Harry Rulnick, the rabbi's liaison committee chairman, "reported that he had been talking with the rabbi about the recent events." A formal notice was given to the rabbi on April 13th informing him of the time and place of the formal charges and inviting him and his attorney to be present.

At the May 9, 1988 board meeting Mel Baer reported that the Ad Hoc committee met on Sunday May first. Joe McLeod, attorney for rabbi Armon, left shortly after the session began and requested a transcript. Rabbi Armon was present during the entire session. One thousand dollars had been voted as a allocation to pay for the transcript. Another \$500.00 for tuition for Marci Willner from the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund was approved. There was a problem with the new heating and air conditioning system. The old boiler had been removed and hot water heaters had been installed. The state boiler inspector said that this system was not acceptable for a commercial building. The city inspector had already approved the installation. The bill will not be paid until the problem is rectified. A letter from Kaye Green extolling the work of Marci Willner in developing our Sunday school curriculum and planning the whole year of the school including bible classes and Hebrew classes. We also received a nice thank you letter from Marci Willner for our assistance toward the cost of her graduate school.

A special meeting of the board was held on May 29, 1988 to review the ad hoc transcript. Additional charges had been received concerning the rabbi. Requests were received that rabbi Armon not conduct services. As chairman, I was authorized by our constitution to appoint someone to conduct services. Several board members offered to fill in as requested. Letters passed back and forth between the attorneys. Rabbi Armon agreed to change his contract to two years for financial remuneration and

insisted that "he has not been guilty of any misconduct or "moral turpitude" and is willing to fulfill all the terms of his contract."

The June 15 meeting had Attorney Todd Hemphill and the members of the ad hoc committee present. Copies of the transcript were distributed and all participants were thanked for the time and effort expended. Regular business was discussed. New members Eric and Audrey Solomon were accepted. It was noted that the dishwasher in the parsonage is broken and will cost \$150.00 to fix. Also the parsonage is over run with roaches. The transcript was then accepted and a procedure was adopted to be sent to the members of the congregation for a June 21st meeting. A postscript to the minutes reported a telephone survey on the suggested agenda and conduct of the June 21 congregation meeting. The vote was 8 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

There were no minutes found for the June 21st congregation meeting. I remember that there were several heated discussions. It was decided to terminate Rabbi Armon's contract and to pay him off. It was very messy. There were still some people that he had not disturbed. To the best of my knowledge and that of Virginia Satisky who was the secretary that year, it cost the congregation about \$50,000.00. The parsonage had to be refurbished completely after he left. The house was filthy and all of the appliances were broken.

On June 22, 1988 a special meeting of the board was held. Harry Rulnick, the rabbi's liaison, said he had spoken with Rabbi Armon and he was willing to negotiate and he listed the various actions he wanted. Mel Baer moved that we reject all of his absurd proposals which passed 7 to 1.

At the July 13 meeting of the board Ronald Green reported that classroom 8 is leaking again. Sandra Pritchard reported that the sisterhood would pay for a new dishwasher in the kitchen. Michael Green noted that the Rochman bar-mitzvah was on the same day that the midnight Slichot services. He also said that Joel Fleishman has agreed again to be our cantor for the High Holy Day season. Rick Glazier's motion that our counsel send a letter to Rabbi Armon that, according to our agreement, his belongings should be out of the house within 7 days of his return from vacation and that he should turn in his keys was passed. It was agreed that someone from the religious committee be at every school session to be 'in charge' to prevent problems. Michael Green agreed to take care of this. Rick Glazier and Sondra Pritchard

were appointed to form a rabbi search committee. It was agreed to hire a part time, 20 hours per week, secretary to work with the president and to assist all working committees.

The August 10, 1988 board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Judy Rochman asked the board to get a Rabbi to complete and perform for the bar mitzvoth of her son. Since Mr. Kadelak's death we also need to get someone to be in charge so things will be clean. Harry Rulnick reported that he had taken out a bank note of \$60,000.00 to meet bills and to pay off Rabbi Armon's contract. The hiring of a secretary was postponed until our finances improve. I, as chairman, reported that although our new heating system was illegal by the boiler inspection agency (we have no boiler now) of the state, it has been approved by the state mechanical inspectors and the local inspectors and I was working to get the various agencies to work together (they finally did, after I threatened to sue if they did not leave us alone.) In the middle of the meeting Steve Rochman reported that Rabbi Ucko had agree to handle their bar mitzvah for \$550.00 and expenses. A motion to pay the charges passed. Seats for the holidays were to be \$30.00 for members and \$75.00 for non members. A secret ballot was taken for the community Aliyah. A motion to present the \$800.00 that had been budgeted for Mr. Kadelak's year end bonus to his wife, passed. A committee was appointed to find a new caretaker.

The September meeting of the board brought forth the information that the Sale of Aliyahs dropped from \$12000.00 to about \$6000.00. The Joel Fleishman scholarship fund income was also down about 25%. Steve Edelman, religious school director, has made arrangements with Rabbi Linefsky of Fort Bragg to work with our bar mitzvah people at a per session rate. Yaffa Miller will teach some of the Hebrew classes. Rick Glazier suggested \$15.00 per hour. The clean up cost of \$540.00 for the high holidays has been paid by Sisterhood. The roof in the kitchen is leaking. Michael Green reported that we are all set for the High Holy Days with a Rabbi Lukinshy and Joel Fleishman to conduct the services. Mel Baer agreed to be in charge of building a Sukkot.

At the October 11th board meeting, Steve Edelman, Religious school Director, told the board that Alice Bender has agreed to teach a pre kindergarten class. Avi Sokol has agreed to teach a confirmation class and will teach Barbara for her bat mitzvah. The roof above the kitchen has been cleaned, but the weight of the air conditioner will probably continue to cause trouble. It needs replacing. A new gutter has been

installed on the top roof. BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) will sponsor a congregation lunch on November the 20th. Sisterhood will have a breakfast on October 31st, and will hold a latke (potato pancake) party on December 4th in celebration of Chanukah. The next bingo game is October 29th. And we hope that Rabbi Armon will be out of the Parsonage by October 31st. Trustees whose terms expire in December are Rick Glazier, Rose Parsek, Virginia Satsky, and Monroe Evans.

October 26, 1988. A special meeting was called because Rabbi Armon wanted an extension of his moving date. The answering letter stated that he would be in breach of his contract and that we would agree to an extension for moving at the rate of \$50.00 per day, after one week it will be \$75.00 per day for the second seven days, and \$100.00 per day for the third seven days. If this is not accepted we will sue for breach of contract. Mel Baer felt it was too strong, but the rest of the board prevailed. They really wanted the man and his family to leave.

The November 8th meeting was called to order by Ronald Green, vice chairman of the board. Harry Rulnick reported that we had borrowed \$40,000.00 from the bank and that Rabbi Armon had been paid \$40,087.53 the balance of the settlement. He also listed the repairs needed in the parsonage; A new Garbage disposal, a new dishwasher, carpet replacement, extermination of roaches and total interior painting. A new custodian, Charles Sherrill, has been hired.

The December meeting was held on the 14th. Steve Edelman requested and received funds to help finance a trip for the school children to see the "Ramsees Exhibition and Discovery Place" at the Mint Museum in Charlotte. Harry Rulnick reported that the parsonage was being repaired and cleaned. The rabbi search committee has a prospect scheduled for the weekend of January 27, 1989. The new members elected to the board were; Martin Wertheim, Rose Parsek, Joel Schur, Steve Satsky, and Bruce Baer.

On January 18, 1989 the following officers were elected;

President	Harry Rulnick
Vice President	Ronald Green
Secretary	Bruce Baer
Treasurer	Martin Wertheim

Permission was given to allow the members of the Executive board of the Eastern Region of the BBYO to spend the night in the building on

February the third. Ronald Green reported that there was a leak in classroom six. He has received a price for the removal of some 107 trees on the grounds for \$1,800.00. After some discussion the motion to cut them down was passed. He also reported that there is no problem with the heating system.

At the February 1989 meeting, Michael Green announced that he had made arrangements to have a joint Purim reading of the Megilla (The story of Ester and Mordichi) at Fort Bragg so that Rabbi Linefsky could do the reading. It was decided to help out with refreshments and to provide free transportation for members who are interested in attending the service. Several Rabbis are scheduled for week end try-outs.

At the March meeting, maintenance was the primary discussion. The heating and air conditioning in the main sanctuary has been repaired again. The new custodian did an excellent job cleaning up the kitchen. Martin Chipman resigned as chairman of the religious school committee and chairman Rulnick appointed Rick Glazier and Rita Edelman as co-chairman. Three hundred dollars was appropriated to prepare a promotional brochure for Beth Israel Congregation.

Janna Warburg sent in her family contribution to our history. Her husband, Robert, is in the Special Forces in the Army. They have two children; Sarah age 16 and Max age 8 as of February 2001. They first came to Fort Bragg in March of 1989 for Robert to take the "special forces qualification course". Janna taught pre-school at Beth Israel during that period from March through November. In July 1993 Robert was reassigned to Fort Bragg and they became members of the synagogue. Janna taught Sunday school for two years and Sarah was a religious school student. Robert served on the committee which organized the 'Israel trip raffle fundraiser' for the synagogue. They transferred out in 1996. They returned in 1999. Sarah and Max are religious school students. Sarah is president of BBYO and Janna became president of our Hadassah chapter in July of the year 2000 and is still serving in December 2001. She has done an excellent job too.

At the April 12, 1989 board meeting Rick Glazier and his rabbi search committee recommended that the board authorize an additional \$2,000.00 per year as compensation to prospective candidates for rabbi. Michael Green made the motion and Stephen Satsky seconded that the total salary/benefits for rabbi be increased to \$40,000.00 and it passed.

A meeting of the voluntary dues committee was set for April the seventeenth at 8:00 pm.

The May meeting brought forth the motion that passed that "any individual or organization would be required to pay Mr. Sherrill (the custodian) \$10.00 per hour for services he performs over and above that which is required by his job description, and outside of his normal working hours. President Rulnick reported that the voluntary dues committee had raised some \$17,000.00 so far. The \$100.00 annual bingo licensing fee payment was approved by the board. Bruce Baer made a motion that the use or borrowing of any synagogue property be vested in the chairman of the building & grounds committee or the Chairman of the board and must be signed for on a sign out sheet to be maintained by Mr. Sherrill, the custodian. It passed. A fee of \$600.00 was voted to Rabbi Kessner for the preparation and bar mitzvah of Elliott Baer.

At the June meeting a tzdukah (charity) fund was set up to be administered by the treasurer. Detter Engineering was retained to design an air conditioning system for the sanctuary that could be put out for bid. Several more rabbis were invited to be interviewed with a congregational meeting called for July the thirtieth..

At a special meeting of the board on June 26, 1989, with vice-president Ronald Green presiding, the search committee recommended either Rabbi Louis Lederman or Rabbi Bernard Shoter for election as our rabbi. They also suggested a one year contract.

A special meeting of the congregation was held on July 26, 1989 with vice-president Ronald Green presiding. They first decided to put out for bid the plans and specification as designed by Detter engineering for the installation of air conditioning systems for the sanctuary and the kitchen. Then they voted to adopt forty-five changes in the constitution and by-laws which were mostly updates and clearer explanations of procedures. It was a well done revision and all of the changes were accepted with very little discussion. Mel Baer and his committee did a beautiful job of cleaning up the wording, the punctuation and the meaning of the constitution and by-laws of Beth Israel Congregation. The congregation then voted by paper ballot to offer the same contract to the rabbi with the most votes first and if he refuses to offer the same package to the other rabbi. Rabbi Lederman got the most votes.

There were four board meetings in August. The first meeting was to open the bids for the air conditioning. The low bid was \$66,923.00 much higher than expected so they adjourned to meet two days later. The board met with the two lowest bidders and was informed of the contractual problems of the two low bidders. The price was still above the allowance from the congregation so they called a special congregational meeting to see if the total package could be contracted. At this meeting Rick Glazier informed the board that Rabbi Shoter had accepted the position of Rabbi subject to several conditions. The board agreed to those conditions as well as installing new carpet and painting the parsonage. A special meeting of the congregation was held on August 6, 1989 to determine what air conditioning contract should be let. The first motion was to delete the work in the kitchen which did not pass. The second motion was that the board be allowed to do all the work, but on a piecemeal basis as they could afford it. That one passed. The board was charged with the responsibility of determining how to finance the renovations. President Rulnick replied that the matter would be taken up by the finance committee. As soon as the congregation meeting adjourned the board met and voted to award the contract on the air conditioners for \$38,666.00 to the Refrigeration and Heating company now and wait for the work in the kitchen. There was still another board meeting on August the ninth with Mr. Detter. They signed the contract for the air conditioners. They then voted to have the kitchen work done if the other bidder would do that for the \$21,083.00 that they bid. There was a motion to allocate \$3,000.00 to hire a cantor for the High Holy Days if Joel Fleishman could not make it. He made it. Ellen Underwood was accepted as a member.

At the September 13, 1989 board meeting Melvin Baer moved that the \$8,000.00 that the congregation owed the cemetery be forgiven and any expenses for the cemetery be paid from the general fund of the congregation. The motion passed. Robert and Janna Warburg and Barry and Susan Baer were accepted as members of the congregation. They passed a motion to consolidate the present note at the bank with enough to finance the air conditioning work up to \$100,000.00 at a rate of one percent over prime. Ronald Green reported that the cost to get the rabbi's house ready was \$4,780.00. As the proposed budget for 1990 was considered, they voted to recommend to the congregation that dues be set at \$375.00 per individual and \$750.00 per family. The community Aliyah recipient was voted on by secret ballot.

A motion at the October 11 meeting to allow Rabbi Shoter to attend board meeting without a vote was passed. Eight New members were approved. They were Alisa Bert, Jordon Croman, David Schneider, Scott & Holly Richardson, Charlotte Seik, and Stanley and Annette Sugar. It was announced that Steve Rochman had been appointed as our congregation's second member to the Urban Ministry board. Ronald Green reported that the roof over the dome of the social hall needs to be replaced.

The board meeting of November 8, 1989 brought three new members. Richard and Claudia Andorsky and Debbie Loewsky were elected to membership.

November 12 was a semi-annual congregation meeting. The annual dues change to \$750.00 per family and \$325.00 for a single membership was approved. Six members were nominated to be elected for three years to replace the three board members whose terms will expire in January.

Marcia Rooney was approved for single membership at the December 13th board meeting. The contract to remodel the kitchen was signed for \$23,583.00. Bruce Baer reported that approximately \$29,000.00 had been raised for the year 1989 for our Federated Charities. The members who were elected to serve three years on the board were, Gerald Waitman, Rick Glazier, and Harry Rulnick. President Rulnick announced that we are still holding \$18,134.00 for completion of the air conditioning and heating contract although the contractor wanted payment of \$12,000.00 now. Ronald Green reported that the roof over the classroom area is leaking.

The officers for the year 1990 were elected at the January 10th meeting. They were Harry Rulnick president, Gerald Waitman vice president, Bruce Baer secretary, and Martin Wertheim treasurer. The chairmen of the various committees were named. There was still a problem with the completion of installing the new air conditioning and heating system. The architect Mr. Detter is to make a punch list for completion of the contract.

March 14, 1990 Steve Satisfsky, chairman of the Building and Grounds committee reported that the cabinet work and roof repair of the rabbi's house had been completed. He presented a proposal for a new shingle roof over the main sanctuary and the social hall at a bid price of \$4,850.00. There was no action taken on this report. New Members

were Joann Short and Joe Sugar. Rabbi Shoter advised the board that he had received a request from the Jewish National Fund for the addresses of all the members. The board voted that the mailing list should not be provided to any outside organization.

At the April 18 meeting, Steve Satsky reported that the kitchen renovations had been completed. The Punch list of three pages needed to complete the heating and air conditioning installation from Deter Engineering to Mr. Hal McRainey was included in the minutes. They approved a contract with Cain Monument works for \$1,500.00 to clean and repair the monuments at the cemetery.

At the June 13, 1990 board meeting the Building and Grounds chairman reported that work had begun again on the heating and Air Conditioning system. The board then went back to the March bid on the roofing contract to shingle the dome and voted that two more bids should be gotten with the maximum cost to be \$4,850.00

Michael Green moved that the board contribute \$1,000.00 from the Joel Fleishman Scholarship fund toward the funding of the "World of Anne Frank" exhibit at the Fayetteville Museum of Art. The motion passed. The Kitchen committee was asked to prepare a written policy on the use of the kitchen. Joel Fleishman has agreed to again serve as our cantor for the High Holy Days services. Rick Glazier reported that the religious school committee had developed a three year curriculum and that we now had six classes for Sunday School. The rates of tuition were set at \$100 per child for members and \$200.00 per child for non-members for Sunday School, and \$50.00 per child for members and \$100.00 per child for non-members for Hebrew School. He also recommended that \$15.00 book fee be charged. The rates were approved.

On August 22 the board authorized the removal of two trees that had been damaged by a recent thunder storm. The heating and A/C work in the sanctuary is nearing completion. President Rulnick reported that Marcie Justice had agreed to serve as Social chairman. Michael Fleishman was accepted for a family membership. Rick Glazier reported that he is still short four teachers for the Sunday School classes.

At the September 12th meeting Rick Glazier reported that he had recruited enough teachers for the classes. It was agreed to loan twenty-five High Holy Day prayer books to Fort Bragg. Erik Bitterbaum was

accepted for membership. They agreed to loan an American Flag and an Israeli Flag to the gift shop for display at the International Folk Festival to be held in downtown Fayetteville.

The Bill for renovations to the head and footstones at the cemetery by Fayetteville Monument was authorized to be paid. Marcie Justice, social chairman, announced that she was going forward with plans for a New Year's Eve party.

The board meeting of November 14, 1990 again endorsed the construction of a sidewalk along Morganton road. Steve Satsky reported that the furnace at the Rock Avenue house had blown up. They decided to install a new gas furnace. The finance committee made a proposal to drop the cost of High Holy Day seats, contributions to the community Aliyah and the Joel Fleishman Scholarship fund and increase the dues to \$425.00 for a single membership and \$850.00 for a family. It passed the board.

The copy of the minutes of the November 18th congregation meeting was not found, but the notice said that the meeting would be preceded by a free hot dog dinner.

At the December 12 meeting of the board the ballots for a three year term on the board were counted and Michael Green, Ronald Green, Bruce Baer, and Sondra Pritchard received the most votes. The 1990 Federated Charities drive collected \$32,745.00 and had expenses of \$1,270.00. The distribution was to twenty five non profit organizations.

The January 1991 meeting minutes were not found, but at the February 20, meeting of the board of trustees Gerald Waitman was chairman, Bruce Baer was still secretary, Martin Wertheim continued to be the treasurer, and Harry Rulnick was financial secretary. From later notes in the minutes we learn that Rick Glazier was elected vice chairman. The board went on record commending Marcie Justice and her social committee members for the fine job which they had done in planning and carrying out the Square Dance and the Sweethearts Dance. The members of her committee were; Holly Richardson, Ellen Underwood, Marilyn Fleishman, Minda Fleishman, Sandi Chipman, and Bruce Baer. Steve Satsky reported that although Refrigeration & Heating company said that all items on the punch list had been fixed, the system still was not satisfactory. Michael Green moved that the congregation secure a non-profit postage permit and it passed. Chairman Waitman announced that since our financial situation is critical that the board would start meeting every two weeks as a committee to discuss the financial situation and to do some long-range planning. The first meeting will be March 6th. Rabbi Shoter advised the board about his position on renewing his contract. They voted to offer a contract paying fifty three thousand dollars the first year, fifty four the second and fifty six the third year. If the Rabbi accepted then they would try to get the congregation to go along with the board's recommendation.

At the March 19 semi-annual congregation meeting the proposed new contract with Rabbi Shoter was approved. After much discussion about finances, it was decided to have a drive to raise enough money to pay off the loan at the bank and finance the repairs needed. At a later meeting the drive was named the "Kol Nidre Fund Drive", and it was very successful.

April 10, 1991 Rick Glazier reported that the BBYO will hold their Maccabea games on May the 12th with the Jewish community of Cary. Minda Fleishman reported that a Mother's day Jazz Brunch will be held on May the fifth. Steve Satsky reported that he had received the final bill on the heating and air conditioning contract. The board recommended that the bill not be paid until the "grill work" has been properly completed. The board voted to start sending notices of their Yahrzeit to members. The board voted to make a donation in memory of Vincent Cain who had been engraving and installing the monuments at the cemetery for years for the community. It was decided that a minimum contribution of \$10.00 would be required for acknowledgement to be posted in the monthly bulletin. Gerald Waitman

reported that the appraisal on the Rock Avenue house was \$40,000.00. The board was opposed to selling any property at this time.

At the May meeting of the board the motion to raise the minimum contribution from \$5.00 to \$10.00 was rescinded. (Too many complaints were voiced against the increase.) Again they voted to invite Joel Fleishman to be the cantor for the Holiday season. Louis Solomon was voted to receive \$500.00 from the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund to attend the Leadership training conference of BBYO.

At the June 12, 1991 board meeting, Ronald Green moved and the board passed that members who are delinquent be contracted personally by a board member before action is taken to remove them as a member in "Good Standing".

At the August 21st meeting Rabbi Shoter and Rick Glazier presented the plans for the Sunday school year. The contract for three years with Rabbi Shoter was signed by the president at the meeting. Permission was given for a Brownie group of Girl Scouts to hold their meetings in one of the classrooms.

At the September eleventh meeting Ronald Green's motion to notify engineer Detter that we had still not resolved the heating and air conditioning contract did not pass. The board wanted Ronald to review the contract and come back to the board.

October 9, 1991 Martin Wertheim and Harry Rulnick reported that the "Kol Nidre Fund Drive" had raised \$90,386.00 in pledges with over a third already collected. One hundred and thirty members made pledges. A secret ballot vote was called for on a motion to dismiss Mr. Sherrill and look for a new custodian. The motion passed. Sandra Pritchard announced the "Mid-East Dance Night".

At the meeting of November the thirteenth the motion passed that all pledges paid to the "Kol Nidre Fund Drive" that have been paid by December 31, 1993 be counted as a 'donor' and the name of the member be inscribed on a plaque in the main sanctuary. They decided that the president of Sisterhood would be invited to all board meetings in the future.

The Semi annual congregation meeting was held on November 24, 1991. It was announced that the new custodian was Gregory Jackson. The

various committees were thanked for their good jobs, the people were thanked for their response to the drive, and the minutes reflected that all was well with Beth Israel Congregation.

The December board meeting was held on the eleventh. Lisa Glazier, president of Sisterhood, reported they have hired someone for maintenance of the grounds. Bruce Baer reported that there will be about \$20,000.00 available for allocation from the Federated Charities drive. The members elected for a three year term were Martin Wertheim, Rose Parsek, Michael Fleishman, and Steve Rochman.

The first meeting of the board for 1992 elected the following officers;

Gerald Waitman	President
Rick Glazier	Vice President
Michael Fleishman	Secretary
Martin Wertheim	Treasurer
Harry Rulnick	Financial Secretary

The motions passed were; the contract for maintenance on the copy machine was voted to be cancelled, the locks are to be uniformly keyed again for all outside doors, and the social hall floors are to be stripped and waxed. There was a complaint that several names were misspelled on the Building fund plaque.

At the February 12, 1992 board meeting, it was noted that there are currently three members of the congregation who have been suspended because of past due dues. A new stove has been purchased and installed at the Rabbi's house. The piano has been tuned for the Valentines Day Jazz Brunch. Ronald Green suggested that the current alarm system in the sanctuary be expanded for the whole building but there was no action at this time. The sanctuary heating system is not working so the board suggested that Mr. Detter be written and asked to help. If he does not then we will seek bids to get it fixed. It was agreed that all new members should receive a Mezuzah for their front door. Gerald Waitman submitted a sketch for a plaque honoring the renovation drive donors. (It seems that a major renovation on the building is required about every ten years.)

On March 11 the board passed the following motions; confirmation candidates would not be charged the regular school fees. all members who have resigned or have been suspended will be taken off the bulletin mailing list, and a new shingle roof will be installed over the social hall.

\$2,500.00 was authorized to fix the roof over classroom # 8. All trees overhanging the building are to be removed.

The April meeting of the board brought forth the report of another break-in to the building. The building committee is still getting prices on security systems. No price yet on the new roof for the social hall.

At the May thirteenth board of trustees meeting, it was agreed that the custodian would paint the social hall and the classroom hall. It was also agreed to remove some 300 trees using a bonded tree removal contractor to do the work in addition to the trees overhanging the building. It was hoped that the lumber value will offset the cost. The building and grounds committee reported that the sanctuary roof needs recovering as well as the social hall roof. A calendar of scheduled events is to be maintained in the building for use of the various rooms, but all scheduling should go through the president.

At the May 20, 1992 congregation meeting, several new members were introduced. They were Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bennett, Lt. Col. & Mrs. Phil Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ezraty, Mrs. Bea Fleishman, and Drs. Malcolm & Nina Shupeck.

Robin Gahr thanked the congregation for its support of BBYO which has earned several honors including "Chapter", "Program", and "Advisor" of The Year awards. Kaye Green presented a certificate of appreciation to the congregation from the Beth Israel Brownie Troop of the girl scouts. B'nai B'rith invited participation in an "Adopt-A-Highway" project clean up project. Bruce Baer invited everyone to join in the Federated Charities dinner on May the thirty-first.

It was agreed to renew the congregation's Bingo license for \$100.00 at the June meeting of the board. The removal of the buried oil tank near the Sunday school entrance is estimated to cost about one thousand dollars. The sisterhood presented ideas on remodeling the kitchen.

New members Drew and Linda Rosen, Dora Arkin and Marrilie Thompkins were approved at the July meeting of the board. Religious school fees were set at \$100.00 for members and \$300.00 for non members. Non member military families should pay the non member fee this year. A Mita copier was to be brought in on a trial basis.

At the August 12 board meeting the date of September the eighth was set for a hot dog dinner and Aliyah sales. The cost of a burial plot for a non member was increased to \$1200.00.

The Rabbi was concerned with the possible liability of counseling so after investigation the board was informed that the liability was included in the current liability insurance coverage. The board agreed to increase the liability coverage another million dollars for an additional premium of \$300.00 per year. Rick Glazier presented a detailed recommendation regarding religious education for Bar or Bat Mitzvah candidates. The board members recommended several changes and then they approved the requirements.

Plans for remodeling the kitchen are still being studied. The board decided to buy the Copier brought in for trial. New members Tina Meyer, Celeste Blagg, Diane & Mitchell Tokajer, and Alice & Cliff Bender were accepted.

At the October meeting of the board it was reported that \$82,946.00 had been paid and the money was used to pay the note on October 6, 1992. The salary of the custodian was increased to \$12,720.00 per year and the secretary's was increased to \$5.50 per hour. The roof still leaks over classrooms five through eight. Board members reported many complaints from members that the synagogue is kept too cold. The stoves in the kitchen need the oven thermometers recalibrated. New members accepted were Mr. & Mrs. Bob Lachman, Bob Braustein, and Danna Rosenberg. Bruce Baer resigned from the board and Steve Satsky was appointed to fill the balance of his term.

At the November meeting, several options were discussed about repairing the leaks on the roofs. The tree and underbrush removal will probably cost some \$5,000.00 instead of the budget allowance of \$1,200.00. It was agreed to borrow \$10,000.00 on a short term basis. It was also decided to increase the custodian, Greg's, salary to \$13,000.00 per year. "Steve Rochman, chairman of the long range planning committee, reported that building apartments does not appear to be financially feasible." Sisterhood purchased a new upright freezer and curtains for the kitchen. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kohnhauser were approved as new members. A computer was donated to the synagogue.

The November semi annual meeting of the congregation brought forth the announcement that \$85,500.00 had been paid in on total pledges of

\$102,800.00 of the Yom Kippur Fund. New members this year now total 17 families representing 27 members.

At the December meeting Michael and Ronald Green were thanked for their contribution of an outdoor aluminum Menorah to be used for Chanukah outdoor lighting services. The rent on the Rock Avenue house was increased to \$375.00 per month. The cemetery committee is planning to add another section to the cemetery next year.

The following were elected to office at the January 13, 1993 meeting.

President	Michael Green
Vice President	Rick Glazier
Treasurer	Martin Wertheim
Secretary	Michael Fleishman

Ronald Green reported that the leaks in the flat roof are being repaired under our warranty which is good through June 1994.

I received the following from Brenda Joy Gagnon.

I came to Fort Bragg as a non-commissioned officer in the U S Army in 1993. My two years were spent at the 528 FA Combat Stress Control Detachment working as an occupational therapy assistant Equal opportunity representative, Educator and Training non-commissioned officer. My service time included treating burn casualties from the Pope Air Base crash in 1994. I received an honorable discharge in 1995 with an Army Commendation medal earned at Fort Bragg.

I continued to work as an occupational therapy assistant at Physicians Total Rehab for over four years and was a member of the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association. Also I have worked part time at four different nursing homes in the Fayetteville area. My spare time was spent volunteering at The Falcon Children's Home and the Fort Bragg Riding Stables. I sang with the Cumberland Oratorio Singers for two years. Currently my job is an income management at the Harnett County Department of Social Services and I have received 2 awards from Public Service.

I got married in November 2000 at the Cumberland County Court House and had a religious wedding at home. (Her Husband Ed completed his conversion to Judaism in January 2002.)

At the February 10, 1993 board meeting it was agreed not to renew the subscription to the Jerusalem Post and to spend \$500.00 to fix the compressor on the electric refrigerator. It was also agreed to purchase a new engine for the yard tractor for \$2,100.00. Rick Glazier and Michael

Fleishman are to prepare a policy manual for all phases of the congregation operation. New members this month were David and Karen Horvitz. Rose Parsek and Sandra Pritchard will handle arrangements for the Second Passover Seder this year.

A motion was passed at the March meeting to spend \$380.00 to fix a leak in the sanctuary roof. The board voted to ask Joel Fleishman to be the cantor for the High Holy Days again this year.

April 22, 1993 The appearance committee has picked out shingles to go on the dome roof and the building and grounds committee will try to get a 10 year warranty on the roof. The cost to open a cemetery section was estimated at \$16,000.00. New memorials for the Torahs will be priced at one and a half times the cost.

At the May meeting of the board it was agreed that we would award The "Joel Fleishman award" to a deserving student at Terry Sanford high school which would be a plaque and a one hundred dollar US savings bond, the total cost \$70.00 annually. Building and grounds will develop a new building use policy because the air conditioning system was left on all night. The religious committee announced that five of the six new Torah covers have been approved for purchase with the memorials to be on the cover themselves.

The May meeting of the congregation was held on the sixteenth. Michael Green reported that a "building use" policy was being prepared, and that the religious committee is preparing a "kitchen use" policy. Lise Glazier chairman of the social committee announced that they are planning bingo, dances and an art auction for their programs.

At the June 1993 meeting of the board, it was agreed that board members would act as greeters at the Friday night services. The school fees were set again at \$100.00 per student for members and \$300.00 for non member's children with a \$15.00 book fee for each child. Harvey Fleishman and Lewis Weingarten were approved as members. It was agreed to sponsor two additional girl scout groups.

A Shabbat dinner for the visiting children from Russia will be held on August the sixth. The social committee along with Helga Baer, Doris Rulnick and Sondra Pritchard will prepare the dinner. The kitchen is to remain kosher and only foods with recognized Rabbinical certification will be brought in. After much discussion, Michael Green, the

chairman, ruled that women could be called to the Torah, but no formal decision was made. The cost of removing the some seventy or more stumps on the property came to about \$5,000.00. A deposit is being sent to the Trinity Center for a board retreat on October 10-12 1993. A hot dog dinner will precede the Aliyah sale auction.

At the August 11, 1993 board meeting the board ruled, that all money for any event of the congregation should be sent to the congregation post office box or given directly to the treasurer. It was agreed that non-members would be charged \$100.00 for High Holiday seats with the exception of relatives of congregation members who are members of other congregations and military families. Of course contributions are welcome from everyone at all times.

Steve Satsky reported that all the carpets had been cleaned and the ceiling tile repairs (from leaks) had been completed. It was finally agreed to pay the balance due McRainey Electric subject to a successful trial run of the system over the High Holy Days. The Building and Grounds committee are securing estimates on replacing the saw toothed roof over the sanctuary. The classrooms still leak. It was agreed to allow the Junior League to use the building for meetings.

The cost of Yahrzeit plaques was increased to \$250.00 at the October 13th meeting of the board. McRainey has been paid after the successful run over the holidays. Ronald Green announced that poison Sumac is widespread on the property. FTCC will be asked for assistance to clear the area. It was also agreed to increase the cost for the use of the social hall to \$250.00 with an advance deposit of \$200.00. The fee is applicable to any use of the hall when all of the congregation is not invited.

At the November 11, 1993 meeting the board approved paying Detter Engineering the balance of their fee. Greg, the custodian, is taking care of destroying the sumac on the property. The Joel Fleishman scholarship fund committee, Roz Waitman and Terri Union requested that \$500.00 be awarded to Connie Schmidt. FTCC cabinet class has agreed to build new cabinets for the kitchen and sisterhood has agreed to pay for the approximate \$1,000.00 cost of materials. Designs have been approved by the appearance committee. Gerald Waitman has heard that stables may be build next to the cemetery, he will check out the situation. The board approved that \$100.00 be given to Bernie Milgram for the

“Wayfarer fund” (to be given to people who are stranded here and need a few dollars to continue on their way.)

The semi-annual congregation meeting was held on November the eighteenth. The report on the Yom Kipper Fund drive was that of the \$126,200.00 pledged, \$119,354.00 has been paid. New thermostats and regulators have been installed on the stove. Seven new families representing ten new members have joined the synagogue so far this year. Gerald reported that the stables had been built next to the cemetery and suggested that we express our objection and try to get them removed

At the December 14, 1993 board meeting it was agreed to renew our copier contract at the rate of 1.5 cents per copy up to 35,000 copies. Michael Green announced that the city has agreed to remove the stables within the next few months as a result of a letter to the mayor. The newly elected members of the board were Martin Chipman, Michael Green, Sondra Pritchard, and Steve Satisky.

An executive session was held on January 19th 1994 “to review issues relating to the negotiating of the rabbi’s contract. There was no enthusiasm to re-elect the rabbi. Several motions were made and finally they passed a motion to offer a one year contract at 90% of the current salary with six weeks vacation. Limitations were made on the contract to be offered. The regular board meeting was held right after the above meeting and the new officers for the year were;

President	Michael Green
Vice President	Steve Rochman
Secretary	Michael Fleishman
Treasurer	Martin Wertheim

The board agreed to cancel the scheduled retreat even if a cancellation penalty is charged.

At the board meeting of February 9, 1994 it was announced that the rabbi signed the contract as offered. It was agreed to accept a minimum of \$10.00 for a Yahrzeit listing in the bulletin. A proposal to the next congregation meeting to increase dues was passed. The charge for Passover Seder meals were set at \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children with children under three free.

The semi annual congregation meeting was held on March 2, 1994 in the social hall where the first order of business after approving the minutes

and the treasurer's report was the increase in the dues schedule. The dues increase was rejected with the recommendation to develop fund raising activities. Selective income was suggested instead of forced money for dues from the members including asking wealthier members to voluntarily increase their dues. Reservations were asked to be made to attend the line dancing party on March 12th. Kaye Green was commended for leadership in remodeling the kitchen.

March 9, 1994 The Building and Grounds committee has received a bid to replace the saw toothed roof over the sanctuary for \$6,850.00. Terry Union has offered to donate \$1000.00 toward the project. The Rock Avenue house needs fascia board replacement to cost about \$500.00. Steve Rochman reminded that a board member should greet the congregation each Friday night and sit on the Beema during services.

At the April 14 meeting the school fees for non members was increased to \$400.00 per child and the book fee for Sunday School was increased to \$25.00 with a separate Hebrew school book fee of \$10.00.

Danny Odom was awarded the contract to replace the saw toothed roof covering and flashing for \$6,850.00 at The May 11th meeting. A new tenant has signed a lease for one year for the Rock avenue house at \$400.00 per month. The Yahrzeit plaques for members are now \$250.00 for members and \$500.00 for non members. Four fund raising groups were appointed. New members were Minnie and Morris Leder and Eric Edelman, subject to satisfactory payment of dues. The chairs on the bema have been refinished.

A special meeting of the congregation was called August 4, 1994 to review the efforts of the four fund raising groups. Four plans were evaluated. Bob Warburg and Gary Mendelsohn will head the group to sell tickets for a raffle of a trip to Israel, Minda Fleishman will evaluate bingo, Joel Schur will investigate a car raffle and a Judaica auction, and Stephen Fleishman will sell ads for the bulletin. A new custodian has been employed. Lyn Green reminded everyone to bring their items for Hadassah's upcoming rummage sale to the social hall.

The final tally on the Yom Kippur Fund drive was reported at the November meeting of the board. Ninety nine donors contributed \$133,681.00. Martin Sternlicht reported that the Federated Charities drive collected \$24,400.00 in pledges at the dinner and it is expected that another several thousand will be raised. Hanukkah Care packages were

sent to our college students by a committee composed of Lyn Green and Barbara Baer with Sisterhood cooperation. The congregation endorsed the construction of a sidewalk along Morganton Road again. (This was the third time that the proposal was offered. This time the side walk was built.)

The semi annual congregation meeting was held on November 20, 1994. A budget of \$120,000.00 for 1995 was approved. Five nominations for the new three year term on the board were made. The problem of work requests to the custodian were outlined and a policy was to be put in the bulletin.

At the December 14, 1994 meeting, Steve Satsky reported that the custodian has resigned and he is trying to hire a new person. The hourly pay for our office person, Angela, was raised to \$6.00 per hour. Ted Weitzner and Don & Debra Gersh were approved as new members. The newly elected members of the board for three years were Michael Fleishman, Irving Barker, Rose Parsek, and Martin Wertheim.

No minutes were found until the October meeting of 1995. Rick Glazier was president and Rabbi Shoter reported that Irving Barker and Michael Green were of great assistance with the Sunday school. The Herman and Walter Samuelson Foundation granted the congregation \$250,000.00 to be received \$100,000.00 now and the balance at \$30,000.00 per year. The board voted to memorialize the social hall as the "Lena Fleishman Samuelson Social Hall". The board also recognized Herbert Fleishman for his effort in securing the grant. Irving Barker commented on the "wonderful" Sukah this year due to the efforts of Ronald and Michael Green. The Kitchen still has a leak from the roof. New Members are Mindy & Gerald Greitzer and Tracey Fogle. Ted Weitzner and Joel Schur agreed to act as co-chairman of the 'trip to Israel' drive. Jack Justice was the secretary that year.

November 15, 1995. There had been leaks in the bar area and ceiling damage in the classroom hall. A long range planning committee was set in motion. They set up to get input from the entire congregation for their ideas about the building, the membership growth, the school, programming, endowments and should we be members of the United Synagogue of America at \$5.00 per member. The plaque for the dedication of the Social hall in Memory of Lena Fleishman Samuelson was approved to cost about \$1,600.00. The security document to set up the Endowment fund was signed. Irving Barker announced that a

Chanukah bazaar is being planned by the school committee. The custodian , Wendell Haynes, was voted a \$250.00 bonus and Angela is to receive a \$100.00 bonus at the end of the year.

The Congregation meeting minutes are missing.

At the December 13 board meeting Judy Rochman recommended and the board voted to bring in a group for entertainment with story telling and music. The cost of replacement of the heating unit that heats the back of the sanctuary and the social hall will cost \$4,000.00.

January 10, 1996 A letter of resignation from the board by Irving Barker was read and accepted with regret. Drew Rosen was appointed to fill his unexpired term. A motion by Michael Green to Pay Rabbi (Chaplain) Fields for officiating at the Funeral of Rabbi Henry Ucko was passed. Ida Karesh also passed away. She was buried in Augusta, Georgia. The Building and Grounds chairman reported that we still had leaks in the kitchen and in the stage area. The new officers for the year were; Gerald Waitman, President, Michael Fleishman, Vice President, Drew Rosen Secretary, Martin Wertheim, treasurer, and Harry Rulnick Financial Secretary.

At the March meeting the report on the ticket sales for the trip to Israel was \$11,300.00. The winner accepted \$2,500.00 cash instead of the trip. Marcia Schur presented plans for the grounds just around the building outside the small chapel and the board voted \$2,000.00 to proceed. The board requested Harry Rulnick to have the insurance company do a review of the coverage we have in effect. Steve Satsky reported that the leaks are fixed. (at least temporarily fixed)

At the April meeting as we searched for a new rabbi a list of the duties of a rabbi was prepared and presented. It is really inclusive so I insert that list here.

The duties of a rabbi for Beth Israel congregation just as it appeared in the minutes;

- “ 1 Conduct all religious services
- 2 Read the Torah
- 3 Teach Religious school classes
- 4 Be Principal of Sunday School program
- 5 Teach in Sunday School
- 6 Prepare Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- 7 Supervise Kashruth (plural of Kosher) in kitchen

- 8 Conduct Funerals
- 9 Conduct Unveilings
- 10 Conduct weddings
- 11 Visit sick Members
- 12 Oversee Congregation Newsletter or Bulletin
- 13 Arrange for Minyons.
- 14 Assist Chevra Kadisha (The Burial Society)
- 15 Liaison with the local community and Fort Bragg
- 16 Visit Members
- 17 Order ritual supplies
- 18 Counseling as needed
- 19 Conduct The Junior Congregation services ”

It is really an inclusive list and an awful lot of responsibility. I might add here that during the time, almost a year, that we were without a rabbi Michael Green conducted all of the religious services. I prepared and read a page or two of comments on the Torah portion for each Saturday morning.

A special meeting of the board was called to order on May 1, 1996 and the board approved the search committee's recommendation to proceed with negotiations to work out a contract with Rabbi Yosef Levanon. On May 8, 1996 Rabbi Levanon agreed to the proposed contract subject to approval of the congregation. The Beth Israel Federated Charities report showed contributions for 1996 of \$31,475.00. At the May 29th semi annual congregation meeting the vote was 54 to 6 to offer Rabbi Levanon the job of Rabbi of Beth Israel Congregation.

The June monthly meeting of the board of trustees was primarily devoted to finances. The Sunday school teachers salary was raised to \$25.00 per Sunday session. It was decided to follow the Conservative Jewish Movement that states that students get 5 ½ hours of religious instruction per week.

At the July Meeting of the board It was agreed to allow the children of Jewish military families to attend our religious school. Rabbi Fields who is currently assigned to Fort Bragg will assist and the chaplains fund will assist in buying books and supplies. There were forty-three children enrolled for the year with five Sunday school classes, four Hebrew classes and the confirmation class. Arnold and Shelly Leder were accepted as members. In cooperation with the Sisterhood A welcoming party For Rabbi Levanon and his wife Hannah was planned.

August 14, 1996 Michael Green made a motion that we charge \$20.00 per adult for each five week mini course that the Rabbi will teach and \$75.00 per year for the adult two year course B'nai Mitzvah course. These courses were greeted with much interest by the board and the motion passed unanimously. The motion to charge \$100.00 for seats for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this year also passed.

Hannah Levanon wrote in their fifth year in Fayetteville; "Rabbi Yosef and Hannah Levanon came to Fayetteville in August 1996, from Elkins Park near Philadelphia. PA. Rabbi Levanon's longest tenure was at Niles Township Jewish Congregation in Skokie, Illinois. He taught for more than a decade at Spertus College of Judaica Institute for higher Jewish Learning as a professor of Jewish Studies.

Yosef and Hannah met in Chicago. Hannah has two children from a previous marriage, a daughter Jaimie and a son Ross. Yosef has a daughter, Zohar, from a previous marriage. They are proud grandparents of Orissa and Jacob.

Rabbi Levanon was born in Diyarbakir, Turkey. His family migrated to Israel in 1948, where his father, the first from their community to go to Israel, started a Sephardic Congregation in Jerusalem. Yosef is the oldest of eight children. His brothers and sisters live in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. He studied at Hebrew University (BA & MA) and at McGill University for his doctorate in Medieval Jewish Studies, producing a book Titled "Jewish Travelers in the Twelfth Century," published by University Press of America in Washington, DC in 1980. His name can be found in several volumes of "The world Book Encyclopedia", to which he has contributed a variety of articles. He studied for the rabbinate and was ordained in New York City.

Hannah Meirit was born in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Her family moved to suburban Chicago when she was in the 8th grade. She is an elementary school teacher by training and graduated from Knox Collage in Galesburg, Illinois. She taught second grade in Skokie and taught reading, math, and computer labs for K-5 in Winnetka, Illinois. After her teaching years, Hannah worked at institutions of higher learning.

Rabbi Levanon is an active participant in the Fayetteville community at large. He regularly attends meeting of a local clergy organization and participates in many events. He has participated in Interfaith Bible studies and has been a guest speaker on Judaic topics on many occasions. He has taught vibrant adult education classes at the synagogue, has initiated and taught adult B'nai Mitzvah classes for learning Hebrew and ritual, as well as conducting a class for new

converts to Judaism. By July 2001 he will have invited some thirty adults to the bema (the pulpit) to share their spiritual growth in front of their friends, and in many cases receive their Hebrew names as they celebrate their bar and bat mitzvahs. He has sparked many social events from pot-luck suppers to special observance of all Jewish holidays.

Hannah works full time as the Administrative assistant to the library Director for the Cumberland County Library System. She is a lifetime member of Hadassah, serves as the Fayetteville JNF trees/card chairperson, is a member of the Beth Israel Sisterhood and the Chevra Kadisha.

At the fall meeting of the congregation in the year 2001 the rabbinical contract was renewed for a ten year period. By far the longest contract that Beth Israel had ever entered into, and from Rabbi Levanon it was his declaration that he would then retire and settle permanently here in Fayetteville. Really, a mutual admiration society was established.

The September board meeting minutes had a paragraph thanking many people. “ A special thanks to Ursula Green for polishing the silver ornaments on the Torahs, Jerry Parsek, Steve Satsky, Marsha Schur, and Joel Schur for taking care of the repairs to the rabbi’s house, Gary Mendelsohn for the box springs and mattress, Bernie Szabo for donating a bedroom set, Ronald Green, Michael Green, Steven Green, Mayer Green, and Jerry Parsek for cleaning the debris from hurricane Fran, Joel Schur for cleaning the cemetery, and Michael Green for preparing the Yizkor, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur booklets.” Signed by Drew Rosen, secretary.

At the October ninth board meeting, it was announced that the insurance company has authorized that we be paid \$5,400.00 for the damage from hurricane Fran. New members Brett & Karen Friedlander and Michelle Friedman were accepted. Terri Union reported that with an investment of \$223,196.00 the Endowment fund now had a market value of \$249,152.

At the November 1946 board meeting, it was passed to remove \$5,000.00 from the endowment fund to the general fund. A new member, Brian Wall, was accepted. A motion to remove the name plaques of non-members from the seats in the sanctuary and place them on a board designated “Former Members” passed. The price for new name plaques on seats was set at \$300.00.

The semi annual meeting of the congregation was held in November after the financial report the Endowment fund was discussed and the changes in the constitution necessary to allow women members to participate in the religious services. A straw vote was taken to get a general opinion and the majority voted yes. The constitution committee was to prepare an amendment to the constitution for consideration at the next congregation meeting. Nominations for election of board members for three years were taken as set up by the constitution.

At the December 19, 1996 meeting of the board the ballots were counted and Bruce Baer, Dr. Martin Chipman, Michael Green and Sandra Pritchard were elected for three year terms.

January 8, 1997	The officers for 1997 were
President	Gerald Waitman
Vice President	Michael Fleishman
Secretary	Bruce Baer
Treasurer	Martin Wertheim
Financial Secretary	Harry Rulnick

Martin Chipman reported that the religious school was being run very nicely. They authorized the purchase of a VCR to show films and movies. Danny Odom has been by several times and it appears that the roofs are fixed. The contract for clearing the brush and trees has been let and should be done soon. New members are Carlos Zukowski, Leroy Hamilton, and Jeanette Yanoff. Florence Cohen has agreed to help develop a "Congregational" play to be held this spring.

At the February meeting of the board Jerry Parsek was authorized to contract to put a new roof on the rental house. Two amendments to the constitution were approved to be recommended to the congregation at the spring meeting. Beth Israel has received \$10,000.00 under the will of Harry Yanoff which was placed in the endowment fund. Three members have been dropped from the "in good standing" membership. Martin Chipman reported that the school is planning a Purim Carnival. Jerry Parsek reported that Danny Odom is continuing to work on the roof. Rabbi Levanon reported that he would be conducting a Passover Seder at St. Joseph's in the Pines church and will be giving the invocation at the next city council meeting.

A notice was sent out for a special meeting of the congregation to vote on the two amendments to the constitution and by-laws with a reminder that thirty percent of the voting membership is required for a quorum. Rabbi Levanon has instituted the Sunday morning "Breakfast with the Rabbi" which will be coordinated by Bruce Baer through B'nai B'rith. The March 23 congregation meeting did not have a quorum so no business was conducted and the amendments to the constitution were not voted on.

April 9, 1997 Charles Ellenbogen and David Warshaw were approved as New members. The Board approved not renewing the "bulk rate" postage permit because there was not the required minimum 200 for each mailing. Therefore it became necessary to charge an annual subscription of \$12.00 per year for non members to receive the bulletin. Jerry Parsek, chairman of the building and grounds committee reported

that debris from Hurricane Fran had finally been hauled off for a cost of \$2,200.00. A contract to re-roof the Rock Avenue house has been let, a new gutter has been installed along the front of the synagogue and more leaks have been found in the kitchen roof. A \$400.00 allowance was voted to purchase a fax machine and a "Graphics Software" computer program for the office.

The May meeting brought forth several requests from non-members to receive the bulletin. The board voted to write a letter to refuse the request of one old member who had cancelled his family membership. Jerry Parsek reported that he had gotten a bid to pave and seal the old blacktop for \$ 24, 400.00.

A congregation meeting was held on May 29, 1997. On a motion made and duly seconded the policy on the bulletin was amended to allow the mailing of the bulletin 'free of charge' to any college students whose parents are members of the congregation. A motion was passed to grant a right of way for a sidewalk along Morganton road to the City of Fayetteville. At long last, after several false starts, the side walk work was to begin. Marcia Schur was given the go-ahead to install new carpet in the sanctuary. The congregation approved extending the road around the building if appropriate funds could be secured to pay for it. The amendments that were so controversial were not considered at the meeting.

At the June meeting, Martin Chipman reported that, the Religious school program had been very successful this year, and that Fort Bragg would not be participating in the program next year. It was resolved that non-members be charged a "triple rate" for any synagogue event at which a fee is charged. Bruce Baer presented a request from the city of Fayetteville for an easement across our cemetery. The paving of the driveway and parking lot is to be held up until after the funds are contributed. The board felt we should wait until after the sidewalk is completed to do any paving.

At the July board meeting President Gerald Waitman announced that he had received a check From Lib Minges for our 'carpet fund' and a check from John Schlossberg for \$500.00 for the 'cemetery fund'. Martin Chipman announced that a new Religious school committee will be formed shortly and that we will need four new teachers. Rabbi Levanon announced that Jericho Reinken, our secretary, has resigned and that he is seeking a replacement. The Kitchen still leaks. An ad hoc committee

is being formed to develop plans for the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of Beth Israel Congregation.

Marcia Schur and Hannah Grant were thanked for their efforts to get the new carpet installed in the sanctuary at the August meeting. They expect the work to be completed by the 25th of August. An allowance of \$1,000.00 was appropriated to clean the sanctuary after the carpet installation work is completed. Dr. Chipman reported that the religious school committee is now reorganized, there are enough teachers and the Rabbi has prepared a handbook for parents. Michael Fleishman announced that Paul & Beth Berghoff have decided to join the congregation. They were approved.

At the October 8, 1997 meeting of the board Roberta Harding was accepted as a member of the congregation.

At the November board meeting the Endowment fund was discussed. Terri Union requested that we need a development and grant committee. Lise Glazier, President of Hadassah, requested a change in meeting date because of an affair planned by Hadassah, and the board agreed to the change. Gerald Waitman reported that a meeting between his committee, Joel Schur, Michael Green and Harry Rulnick and Rabbi Levanon had agreed on a four year contract. The board passed a resolution to recommend to the congregation the contract as presented. The board voted to buy the Rabbi a subscription to the Sunday New York Times.

The Board authorized transfer of \$7,500.00 from the endowment fund to the general fund. A new Member, Stephen Flax, was accepted by the board. A review of the program for the anniversary celebration was discussed.

The fall meeting of the congregation was held on November 23, 1997 with fifty four members present. Gerald Waitman proposed the four year contract to retain Rabbi Levanon, and the motion passed. Eight members were nominated for the four seats on the board for the coming year.

December 17, 1997 New members were Brenda Leibowitz and Lysa Adams. Joël Schur announced that we had received a letter from the White House and that President Clinton would not be able to attend the 80th anniversary party for Beth Israel. AND so ended 1997

Election of officers were the first order of business at the January 14, 1998 meeting. Those elected for office were;

President	Michael Fleishman
Vice President	Martin Chipman
Secretary	Bruce Baer
Treasurer	Martin Wertheim
Financial Secretary	Harry Rulnick

Marcia Schur chairman of the appearance committee requested \$500.00 to develop a plan for a "Commemorative Garden" using garden fund contributions and it was passed. The membership committee chairman, Michael Fleishman moved that David & Hillary Rothman and Sharon Dudley be approved as members and they were accepted.

February 11, 1998 The board voted to allow the people in the apartments across Morganton road to use our parking lot while their parking area was being repaved. Rabbi Levanon announced that there will be a Tu-Be Shevat Seder (Jewish Arbor Day) this year and that there would be an Adult education class starting in March. He also reported that he had employed Dawn Pullar as the new secretary. Jerry Parsek reported that a new heating and air conditioning unit was needed in the parsonage and that he was getting a general contractor to give us a price to stop the leaks in the synagogue roof.

At the March 10th meeting of the board Rabbi Levanon notified the board that we had received contributions totaling \$15,000.00 in memory of Lou Thomas. Martin Chipman still chairman of the religious school committee told the board about the new school schedule for the 1998-1999 school year. Sheila Bates was approved as a new member.

At the April 8, 1998 meeting of the board, \$200.00 from the Joel Fleishman scholarship fund was approved to be granted to assist Mayer Green to attend two BBYO leadership training programs this summer. The board also allocated \$2,500.00 to Marcia Schur to retain the firm of "Green Biz" to develop a master plan for Beth Israel Commemorative Gardens. The Board voted to honor the B'nai Mitzvah (study group) at the June 13th Mitzvah Service. Jerry Parsek reported that a new gas pack heating system had been installed in the Rabbi's house. The hot water heater in the boiler room needed repair, and that the city had notified the tenant of the Rock avenue house the if an 'untitled' vehicle

was not removed within a short time a fine would be imposed against Beth Israel Congregation, the owner of the property.

Jerry Parsek brought Calvin Temple from the Tar heel Roofing Company to the board meeting of May 13, 1998 to explain the problems with the roof over the synagogue. An allowance of \$2,500.00 was voted to fix the roof. Terry Union, Endowment Fund committee chairman reported on the status of the funds. They have had several meetings to interest members is contributing the Fund and have asked the Cumberland Community Foundation to submit a plan to take over the responsibility of investing the fun's money. Michael Fleishman appointed a committee to develop priorities for capital improvements needs.

Several new members were approved at the June board meeting. They were Mr. & Mrs. Todd Fleishman, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Zisless, Mr. & Mrs. Ira D. Uretzky, and Ms. Dora Bornfeld. The board agreed to use funds from the Yanoff funds to bring Sam Glaser here to present a Chanukah program.

The semi annual congregation meeting was held on May 17, 1998. The congregation was brought up to date on finances, on raising more money for the endowment fund, the commemorative garden and the continuing problems with the roofs.

At the July meeting it was decided to purchase a new lawn mower for no more than \$8,000.00. The board was informed that it looks like the roofs are fixed.

At the September 9, 1998 board meeting, Joel Schur reported that he was making repairs to several gravestones at the cemetery. Ronnie Solomon was elected to serve the unexpired term of Gerald Waitman. The board commended Mike Green for conducting the Aliyah sales and raising about \$30,000.00

At the October 14th meeting of the board Rosalind Waitman told the board that she was interested in developing a wall of Presidents in memory of her late husband Gerald Waitman. The board appointed Joel Schur to work with her. Carlos Zukowski reported that 50 raffle trip tickets had been sold. Final plans for the Commemorative garden will be ready soon. Mike Green reviewed plans for expansion of the cemetery. Monroe Evans was asked to locate the best roof architect in the area to give us direction on how to solve our roof problems. The cost of

repaving the parking lot was such that the board voted to put off the work. One thousand dollars was allocated to get new locks and to Kasher the kitchen. The endowment committee, Terri Union, as chairman, prepared several pages of questions to be used to interview people to act as broker and investment advisor for the fund.

The fall meeting of the congregation was held on November 11, 1998. The final plans for the Commemorative Garden were shown and the congregation voted to make available for donation phase 1 of the garden at actual cost of approximately \$7,200.00. The endowment committee reported that \$150,000.00 of the fund had been moved to A. G. Edwards brokerage. The members of the Endowment committee and their terms are; Stephen Rochman, 1996-1998, Ronnie Solomon, 1998-1999, and Terri Union, 1997-2000. (That is what was recorded in the minutes.) Roz Waitman told about her search for photographs of all past presidents of the congregation. The board voted to establish a Gerald Waitman memorial fund as a "Rabbi's discretionary Fund." Jerry Parsek reported that the roof was still being worked on to fix the leaks. He reported that he is working with the Roofing engineer that Monroe recommended. They discussed making a bank loan to finance both the new roof and the repaving project and use money from the income of the Endowment fund to pay for it. No Vote. Gifts to the cemetery employees were voted on and passed. Joel Schur reported about "The History of the Jews in eastern North Carolina" that is being sponsored by the Rosenzweig Gallery in Durham. He agreed to be the liaison person for Fayetteville.

The board of trustees met on December the ninth and retained Mr. Bob Schuler , a roofing engineer, (the best in the state from the survey that Monroe Evans did, and I certainly hope that my sources were right.) to develop preliminary plans to eliminate the leaks in the roof. They also voted to sell Phase 2 of the garden for \$7,500.00. Steve Rochman was appointed to a three year term on the endowment fund investment committee. The board approved a year end bonus of \$600.00 to the custodian and \$100.00 to the secretary. New members Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Reidach and Karen Savel were welcomed.

On January 13, 1999 the board of trustees re-elected the following officers for the year 1999;

President	Michael Fleishman
Vice President	Martin Chipman
Secretary	Bruce Baer
Treasurer	Martin Wertheim

Financial Secretary

Harry Rulnick

Jerry Parsek continuing as chairman of the Building and Grounds committee reported that Calvin Temple still continued to work on the roof and that Bob Schuler was continuing with his study of the roof to determine how to really solve the "roof leak" problem. The board passed a motion to set prices for Plaques in the memorial garden at two hundred percent of the total cost plus the cost of the plaque. Joel Schur and Carlos Zukowski reported that the trip raffle produced a total income of \$11,280.00 and that plans were proceeding for an Art Auction.

At the march 10th board meeting, Terri Union reported that she was working on a brochure about the endowment fund so that we could generate interest. On a request from Lise Glazier, the board made available the center for an ice cream social to benefit the Special Olympics, which is held for handicapped people.

At the May 12 1999 meeting, the board was notified that Wayne Welsher had resigned from the board and Ronald Green was appointed to complete his unexpired term. Bob Schuler advised the board that his preliminary studies had been completed. He was to work with Ronald Green and Jerry Parsek to prepare recommendations to the board.

The first motion at the June 9, 1999 meeting was to buy replacement bulbs for the Yahrzeit plaques. It is anticipated that the roof plans and specifications will be completed by the next meeting. Martin Chipman announced that an appreciation dinner was held for the religious school teachers.

At a special meeting of the board on July 28th, Bob Schuler presented cost estimates for the roof project which came to about \$300,000.00. The board asked that bids be obtained for the several phases of construction and that the finance committee explore financing alternatives.

At the August board meeting Calvin Temple gave an estimate to repair the roof for \$42,334.00.

Michael Green expressed his appreciation to Terri Union, Harry Rulnick, Carlos Zukowski, and Susan Shereff for their help in raising \$33,225.00 at the Aliyah sale. Joel Schur announced that some \$ 4,000.00 was raised at the art auction. At the October meeting the following were

accepted as members of the congregation; Bobby & Linda Bradley, Barry & Belina Avner, and Howard Gartman.

Barry & Belina Avner Joined the congregation actively right away. Here is their background information just as she wrote it.

Barry Avner was born in Chicago, Illinois, and grew up in Buffalo, New York. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology, and his Ph.D. degree in Pharmacology, both at S.U.N.Y. in Buffalo. Belina was born Belina Rothman in New York City. She grew up in New Mexico, and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physiology at the University of California, Berkeley.

Barry & Belina met in San Francisco in March 1973, and were married December, 28 of the same year. Barry was just finishing up a post-doctoral fellowship in Pharmacology at the University of California Medical School. Belina had recently returned from a four year stay in Paris, France where she had been working as a Scientific Researcher on a cancer project for the French government. Barry's first position as a professor was at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. During the first twelve years of their marriage they lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During that time, they adopted two sons, Jeremy Isaiah and Michael David Avner. At present Jeremy is twenty four years old, and lives in Orlando Florida, where he has his own Public Relations company. He attended the University of Central Florida and majored in Communications. Michael is presently Twenty-one years old, and recently graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Miami, Florida Where he majored in Culinary Arts. He is now working in his field in Miami.

Barry & Belina arrived in Fayetteville from Coral Springs, Florida in August 1999. They had just finished two years of school to become Physician Assistants after having worked in the field of Clinical research for 25 years. Belina had a government scholarship for which she agreed to practice in a medically under served area for two years. They had spent eleven years in Florida. That Was where they first became fully involved in their Jewish heritage. They belonged to a conservative Jewish Synagogue, Temple Beth Am. It is a large congregation of over 1000 families. Barry served on its board of directors for several years. First as recording secretary, then as vice president for education. Belina served for several years on the membership committee. She taught herself to read Hebrew. With the help of the Cantor and the Rabbi she learned to read the tropes (the notes for chanting). That enabled her to be one of the first women in

that congregation to read from the Torah regularly. She read over 100 different portions over the years. Both Barry and Belina were members of the Temple Beth Am Choir for ten years. They Participated in the Friday night and High Holiday Musaf prayers as well as several cantorial Concerts.

The first time they attended Beth Israel Congregation in Fayetteville, they were given a warm welcome. They have become regular attendees at services and other congregational activities. Belina reads the Haftorah on Saturday mornings whenever she is asked and handles the Torah reading when the Rabbi is away during the month of July. Barry is currently serving as vice president on the board of trustees of the congregation. Both Barry and Belina work in Harnett County as family practice PAs (Physician Assistants). Barry volunteers to give school physicals in the Harnett County school system. Belinda serves on the board of directors of Equus Heals, a non-profit organization providing equestrian learning experiences to children with special needs. Belina and Barry enjoy the outdoors and spend their spare time gardening and taking nature walks with their dog, "Buddy".

The semi annual meeting of the congregation was held on November 22, 1999. Marcia Schur presented final plans for the commemorative garden with the announcement that The first phase has been paid for and will be called the "Ursula Green Garden".

At the December 8, 1999 board meeting It was decided to rent the Rock Avenue house to Wendell Haynes, our custodian, for \$350.00 per month with rental payments deducted from his payroll checks. Ronnie Solomon, Steve Rochman, and Terri Union were re-appointed to the Endowment committee for three years.

On January 12, 2000 the same officers were reelected for another year.

President	Michael Fleishman
Vice President	Martin Chipman
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Marcia Schur presented a plan for a walkway in the commemorative garden to cost about \$7,000.00 which was approved. Terri Union reported on the status of the endowment fund and it was approved. Rabbi Levanon reported that there would be a "Tu-be-Shevat Seder" (the Jewish arbor day meal service) on January 21st and a congregational play

on February 19th. Martin Chipman requested \$350.00 to pay for a performance by Dan Nichols for the Religious school and it was approved. Mr. Shuler presented completed plans using a metal roof which was approved and he was asked to get bids. The United way of Cumberland County was given permission to use the social hall for an awards ceremony. The replacement of hot water heaters and new shutters for the air conditioning dampers in the sanctuary were approved.

February 9, 2000 The chairmen of the various committees were announced. Joel Schur told of the art auction to be held and the board decided to install a security system with numbered keys assigned to a few individuals only.

March 8. Rabbi Levanon reported that Jared Kline, Eva Kline, and Karen Shiver had recently completed the process of conversion to Judaism. Joel Horowitz was approved as a new member.

April 12. Mr. & Mrs. Manny Bernstein were accepted as associate members.

June 14. Michael Green, Joel Schur, Michael Fleishman and Rabbi Levanon presented new Cemetery policies and they are: The cost of a cemetery plot for members is \$500.00 and for non-members is \$1,500.00. Members may buy cemetery plots for themselves and their immediate family which is defined as parents and children. Members are entitled to hold funeral services in the synagogue and are expected to provide an appropriate gratuity or honorarium to the Rabbi. Non members are subject to be charged a \$500.00 fee for the use of the synagogue at the discretion of the President and executive committee of the congregation. The honorarium to be paid also. Bob Shuller presented three bids he had received for the roof project and the work was awarded to the Rubicon Group at \$221,200.00 subject to the approval of the congregation. The total cost will also include the Engineering and supervision fees which will be about \$25,000.00. Carlos Zukowski announced that the trip raffle would begin now and be awarded during the Chanukah season.

At the July 12th meeting, the board voted to propose to the congregation a \$260,000.00 cost for the roof project and that Congregation pledges to be paid within five years be sought to pay for it. A loan from the bank would be made to be paid off in no longer than five years.

On July the 19th the congregation voted in favor of proceeding with the project and the loan. 32 voted for and 20 voted against. At the August meeting Harry Rulnick reported that we had received a \$100,000.00 matching pledge and \$115,000.00 in pledges toward paying for the roof project. The board then proceeded and voted to sign the contract with the Rubicon group to begin the work.

September 13, 2000 . Harry Rulnick reported that the total pledges with the one hundred thousand dollar grant totaled \$278,710.00 which should take care of all the cost including the interest on the loan. Jerry Parsek reported that a new roof had been put on the Rabbi's house at a cost of \$3,900.00 and that the roof project work on the center should start within the next few weeks. Ronald Green reported that the new alarm security system and the new locks are in place and in operation. Debra Parker was approved as a new member.

Ronald Green presented a proposal for a study of interior renovation of the buildings Phase 1 by Bob Shuller and it was passed. Honi Gluck was approved for membership. Joel Schur reported that \$4,300.00 was raised at the Art Auction and the board commended him for his work.

The semi annual congregation meeting was held on November 19, 2000. Harry Rulnick reported that 58 member units had contributed to the roof project and that 72 had not. A motion to assess a minimum of \$200.00 was not voted on because there was not a quorum present.

December 13, 2000 Year end bonuses of one weeks pay for Wendell Haynes And Dawn Pullar and \$400.00 for the cemetery workers were approved. They voted to elect Martin Wertheim as Trustee Emeritus in recognition of his many years of devoted service to Beth Israel.

“TIME MARCHES ON”

A few words about my life. My college time was during the depression of the nineteen thirties. I went to the school of electrical engineering at UNC Chapel Hill, NC for four years and then transferred to the University of Illinois for my senior year of a five year degree in order to do experimental design work to develop a new gadget to be called a Television. I had an accident in the laboratory and was temporarily blinded for several months and did not get my degree until 1960. At that time the Engineering school was at NC State college in Raleigh, NC

I came back to Fayetteville in 1935, met and married Mildred Dlugin from Wilmington eleven days after our first date, and have lived here ever since. I managed our family business, Evans Furniture Company, from 1937 to 1958 except for a trip around the world in the army during World War II. Mildred and my sister, Minnie, ran the business while I was gone. In 1958 we sold the business and I went back to college to get my degree in computers. I then became a business consultant and worked with businesses here in Fayetteville and through the "Executive Service Corp." with businesses in central and South America for several months each. I also was the small business consultant at Fayetteville Technical Community College for some twenty years. In the meantime I enjoyed being active with non profit organizations.

Many of our Jewish people have been and are participants and leaders in all kinds of community activities. I have listed the organizations and then the names and dates of all who responded to my inquiry and all who I remember participating. I am sure there have been many more.

CIVIC AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post #3

John Green, Vice Commander

Monroe Evans, Vice Commander 1952

American Red Cross

Ervin Baer on the board

Monroe Evans, First aid Instructor 1940-1944

Kaye Green, Swimming Instructor (for years)

Better Health of Cumberland County
Helga Baer

Boy Scouts of America

Monroe Evans, Scoutmaster 1936-1937 Chairman of the
District 1952-54 Silver Beaver 1955
Harry Rulnick, Eagle Scout, camp counselor

Cape Fear Community Food Bank & Second Harvest Food Bank
Monroe Evans, Start up Pres. 1980-1983 and 1989-1993

Cape Fear Industries,

Monroe Evans, Start up Treas. 1981-85
J. B. Stein, Pres.
Joel Schur,

Cape Fear Regional Theater

Lise Glazier
Gerald Eckstein
Judy Rochman

Cumberland Community Action Program

Mildred Evans Start up 1975-1981 Pres 1981

Cumberland County Credit Counseling Service

Monroe Evans, Pres. 1995-2000

Cumberland County Foundation

Ervin Baer
Ellie Fleishman
Terri Union Zukowski

Cumberland County Library, board

Frances Stein
Terri Union Zukowski

Cumberland County United Way

Monroe Evans, Campaign Chairman 1957 Pres. 1959
David Evans, Campaign Chairman
Mildred Evans, Chairman Of the Advisory Board
Harry Rulnick, Allocation Committee

Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation "D.A.R.E."
Harry Rulnick, Treas.

Fayetteville Area Chamber Of Commerce
J. B. Stein
Monroe Evans, Pres 1962 Man of year 1966
Ervin Baer, Chairman Of the Military Affairs Comm.

Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity
Monroe Evans Start up treas. 1988-1995, Pres 1995-1998

Fayetteville Art Guild
Mildred Evans, Pres 1965-67

Fayetteville Association of CPA
Harry Rulnick, Pres.

Fayetteville Museum Of Art
Mildred Evans Co-founder & First President 1972
Monroe Evans, Treas. 1972-1981 Pres. 1982-84

Fayetteville Urban Ministry, Board
Richard Glazier
Sarah Neider
Stephen Rochman
Doris Rulnick
Harry Rulnick, treas.
Steve Satsky, Pres

Fayetteville Women's Club
Mildred Evans 1 st. vice President 1963-1964

Federal Emergency Management Association "FEMA"
Harry Rulnick, Chairman 2002

Friends of the Library
Helga Baer
Doris Rulnick
Terry Union Zukowski

International Folk Festival (annual city festival)
Mildred Evans Co-founder and Chairman for 8 years

Junior Chamber of Commerce

Monroe Evans awarded Jaycee of the year in 1951

Ronald Green

Harry Rulnick, Vice Pres.

Kiwanis Club of the Cape Fear

Monroe Evans, Pres. 1965

Harry Rulnick, Pres.

NC Air Force Association

Monroe Evans, Pres. 1973-74

N C Association of Jewish Women

Mildred Evans, Pres. 1951

NC Small Business Administration

Monroe Evans, NC Man of the year 1975

Pope Air Force Base Association

Monroe Evans, Pres. 1971-72

Share of the Carolinas

Monroe Evans, Pres 1991-1995

Sunday On The Square (annual city festival)

Mildred Evans, Founder & Chairman for two years

The Girl Scouts

Kaye Green,

The Salvation Army Board

John Green

Ronald Green

POLITICAL

City of Fayetteville Elected Mayor

Monroe Evans, 1965-1969

City Of Fayetteville City Council

Mildred Evans, member 15 years, Mayor Pro tem 12 years

Cumberland County Board of Education
Leon Fleishman
Richard Glazier, Chairman of the board
Harry Stein
City Of Fayetteville Appointed

Coordinating Council of Older Adults
Mildred Evans Pres 1995-1997

Fayetteville Regional Air Port Commission
Monroe Evans, 1986-1991

Fayetteville Human Services Commission
Ervin Baer 1965 first chairman and organized it's operation
Mildred Evans
Harry Rulnick

Public Works Commission
Harry Stein
Monroe Evans

U S O

Ervin Baer
Joe Barr
Joel Schur

Y M C A

Helga Baer
A. M. Fleishman
J. Stein

A commemorative hanging was attached to the wall in the hall to display the photographs of the presidents of the congregation. They are

1917	Hyman Fleishman
No records ,	but he held office several years
1935-1938	A. M. Fleishman
1938-1939	Jacob Stein
1940-1941	W. Ed. Fleishman
1942	Isadore Rosenfeld
1943-1944	Sam D. Bridge

1945-1947	S. M. Fleishman
1948-1950	Dr. Samuel L. Elfmon
1951-1953	A. M. Fleishman
1954	Sam D. Bridge
1955-1959	A. M. Fleishman
1960-1966	Irvin Fleishman
1967-1973	Joe Blumenstein
1974-1975	Ervin Baer
1976-1978	Gerald L. Waitman
1979-1981	Joel Schur
1982-1984	Gerald L. Waitman
1985-1986	Julius Nelson
1987-1988	Monroe E. Evans
1989-1990	Harry Rulnick
1991-1992	Gerald L. Waitman
1993-1994	Michael Green
1995	Richard Glazier
1996-1997	Gerald L. Waitman
1998-2000	Michael Fleishman
2001	Dr. Martin Chipman
2002	Stephen Satsky

We printed fifty copies of the first edition. I kept fifteen copies to be distributed to my family and friends and gave the other thirty –five copies to the congregation. The board decided to sell them for \$40.00 per copy and within about six weeks they were all sold and several other people wanted to buy copies. I decided to put another notice in the monthly bulletin asking for personal family history from all members who had not responded to the first several requests. I received more detailed information from several members and short autobiographies from additional members. I have added them to make a second edition.

On July 2, 2002 I received the Union family history from Terri Union Zukowski. “ Jerome Union (J.E.) (called Jerry here in Fayetteville) was born in Warren, Ohio in 1900. His family was in the scrap metal business. J.E. graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in pharmacy. He married Henriette Adler in 1926. Henriette was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1902. She graduated from Kent State with a teaching certificate. Their son, Morton L. Union, was born in Youngstown on February 13, 1929. In 1932 the family moved to Parkersburg, WV. Bradley Paige Union was born there on July 13, 1935. Mort graduated from West Virginia University in 1950 and received a JD degree in 1953 from the University of North Carolina School of Law. JE was in the steel fabricating business in Parkersburg. At the end of World War II there was no steel available for his business. In 1946 he moved to Fayetteville to establish Union Corrugating Company, a steel fabricating operation. The family moved to Fayetteville in 1948. Henriette taught first grade in the Fayetteville and Cumberland County School Systems. Brad attended Fayetteville High School and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1958. On March 21, 1959, Mort married Terri (Sybil) Saslaw of Richmond Virginia. Terri attended Richmond Professional Institute majoring in art history and design. The couple settled in Fayetteville in 1961. Mort established a law practice. Lauri Elysa Union was born on July 4, 1965. Mort closed his practice in 1966 and went to work in the family business. The family moved to Durham where son, Geoffrey Evan Union was born December 20, 1970. The family returned to Fayetteville in May, 1971, and Mort continued his association with Union Corrugating. Terri became involved in civic activities. Mort and Terri are charter members of The Cape Fear Regional Theatre and the Friends of the Cumberland County Public Library. Mort joined Cape Fear Kiwanis and served as president one term. He was vice president of the American Red Cross. Terri joined the Fayetteville Junior Women’s Club and eventually was elected Junior Director and 3rd Vice President of the N. C. Federation of Women’s

Clubs. She also served as President of the Democratic Women's Club of Cumberland County. Terri was active in Beth Israel serving twice as president of Hadassah.

Terri continued her interests as a civic activist – she served as president of the Friends of the Library, she was a member of the funding committee that raised over \$5,000,000 to build a new headquarters library in downtown Fayetteville. She became a Library Trustee in 1985 and served two terms as Chairman of the Library Board. She chaired the fund raising and acquisition committee which placed an original collection of North Carolina art in the public library. In 1987 Terri was honored with the Arts Service Award from the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council. She was elected Trustee Chair of the NC Library Association and served a two year term. In 1992, she was named Public Library Trustee of the Year by the Public Library Directors' Association. Terri has served as a Trustee of Methodist College since 1985. She served on the board of the Cumberland Community Foundation and helped found the Cumberland County Education Foundation. Currently she is a member of the Greater Fayetteville Features Steering Committee, Vice President of the Plant Managers Association of Fayetteville Area Economic Development, and a member of the PWC board of directors. In 1992 Terri was named Woman Entrepreneur of the Year by Methodist College. In 1993, she chaired the committee to establish an Endowment for Beth Israel. The endowment was established in 1995. She served as Chairman of the Investment Committee from 1995 to 2002. In 1999 she was honored by Beth Israel Congregation with the Community Aliyah.

Mort and Terri purchased Union Corrugating Company in 1980. In 1992 Terri and Mort divorced. In 1997 Terri married Carlos Zukowski who was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina December 15, 1929. He moved with his family to Scranton, PA in 1951 where his family established cut and sew operations. He was married in 1959 and has a daughter, Wendi Jane, who was born 1961 and a son, Russell Darren, in 1963. Carlos moved to Wilmington, NC in 1983.

Lauri Union graduated from Princeton University, Magna cum Laude with a degree in Economics in 1987 and received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1992. She has been President and CEO of Union Corrugating since July 1992. Lauri was named a Friday Fellow in 1994. She married Stanley Rosenzweig of Montreal Canada, August 31, 1997. Stan graduated from Harvard Business School in 1991. Their daughter

Ariela Miriam was born in Boston, February 10, 2001. The family lives in Brookline, MA.

Geoff Union graduated from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, 1993, with a degree in Music and moved to Austin, TX where he established a recording studio and continued his active involvement in performing and composition. He married Rachel Lewis of Baltimore, MD, November 2, 1997. Rachel has a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Texas.”

Lillian Elfmon Kent sent me this additional information on July 17 2002. “ She has served on the boards of: the United Services Fund, the Civic Music Association, the Cumberland County chapter The American Red Cross, the Cancer society, the Methodist College Foundation, Highsmith Hospital. She was President of the Fayetteville Women’s Club, the Cumberland County Girl Scouts, the PTA, and was the Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. She has been a member of the City Recreation commission and the city planning board. She has two daughters Linda (married to Joel Fleishman of Greensboro) and Shila (Married to Richard Baer).”

“Samuel Leon Elfmon was certified in Internal Medicine in 1952. He served as an instructor at Duke University Medical School in Durham, as a consultant at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fayetteville and at Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg. He was President of The Cumberland County Medical Society, the Cumberland County Better Health Foundation, a member of the boards of; the Y.M.C.A.; the Kiwanis Club; and a director of Southern National Bank and Mid-South Insurance Company. He was President of staff at Highsmith Hospital. He was a member of the Medical Society of North Carolina, The North Carolina Society of Internal Medicine, the American Medical Association and the Southern Medical Association. He was a Captain in the Medical Corps during WW11 and was awarded five battle stars. He was president of Beth Israel Congregation board and of B’nai B’rith.”

Marilyn Zall Nelson mailed information about her family history from the Blumenthal Jewish home, located in Greensboro, NC where she is now living, on July 22,2002. She is the grand daughter of Jacob Lewis Fleishman, see page 32 chart.

She was born on September 21, 1921 the daughter of Dora Fleishman and Hyman Zall. “I lived in Fayetteville all my life except for

approximately six months when I worked in Baltimore. That was where I met and married Julius Nelson. We soon moved to Fayetteville. Julius was born in Baltimore on Sept. 12, 1917 and passed away in 1992 from multiple myeloma. I lived in our home here in Fayetteville until my illness caused me to move to The Blumenthal Jewish home in Clements, NC.”

“My maternal grandparents J.L. & Emma S. Fleishman first settled in Benson, NC after leaving Baltimore. When my Grandfather had Typhoid Fever, he was so well thought of in Benson, that they stopped the school bell from ringing during his illness. The school was right across the street from his house. They moved to Fayetteville and lived on Russell Street the rest of their lives. My grandfather was so religious that he wanted to be buried in a Jewish cemetery (We only had an assigned area in the Cross Creek Cemetery at that time here in Fayetteville) and their remains are in Baltimore, MD. My grandfather was one of seven sons and one sister, Lena F. Samuelson. Of all the brothers I do believe that my grandfather was the most Orthodox. They had six daughters and one son A.M. My mother, Dora, was the oldest with Florence F. Blumenstein the youngest. Sadie, who was only fifteen years old when she passed and is buried in the old assigned section in Cross Creek Cemetery.”

“My grandmother, Emma Shapiro Fleishman, used to have a horse and buggy and ride around Fayetteville. I can remember every Friday night after Schul, A.M. , the only son, would come by and make Kiddish (the Friday night ritual of making a blessing over wine). When his son, Joel was old enough he would bring him along too. Emma taught her son A.M. how to read Hebrew because there was no one else to teach him in the small towns (Benson and Fayetteville) they were living in. My mother must have taken after her father as they loved to garden. I remember in the spring and summer my mother would get up at five a.m. to work in her garden with her fruits and vegetables. She raised dill and many of the Jewish families would want some so that they could make dill pickles. My aunt, Ida F. Waitman, also had a green thumb. She could stick anything in the ground and it would grow. The only two (of that generation) who are living now are Florence Blumenstein and Ida Waitman. All of the others are of blessed memories.”

“I only knew one person from my paternal side of the family, as they lived in Lithuania. My father had one sister who lived here on B street

with her husband and children. Then they moved to Chicago where they remained until their deaths.”

“My Father first came to Baltimore (from the old country). Then he ‘peddled’ his way south with a pack of merchandise on his back. He spent many nights with some wonderful gentile people in Berte county. He eventually settled in Cumberland County and opened ‘The Globe’ clothing store on Person Street. He passed away in 1974”

“Julius and I had one son, Frank Larry, born on August 3, 1947. He is married to Ellen Sclar from Frederick, MD. They have two sons and a daughter. They live in Greensboro, NC. She is a teacher in the kindergarten school of the Jewish Temple there.” To add something personal here two of my great grand children are among her students.

“My father was in the first world war and my husband was in the second world war. Julius was stationed in France. My son was in the reserves for six years stationed in South Carolina and Texas. Julius was president of Beth Israel Congregation one year. He was active in B’nai B’rith and was state president one year. He was the B.B.Y.O. advisor for several years. He was active in the Fayetteville Power Squadron and was their commander one year. Until he had met and married me he had never heard of Fayetteville, NC, but one day after we were settled in Fayetteville he was rummaging through some old papers and found that the boat on which he had returned to the U.S.A. after WWII was named the “Fayetteville Victory”. I guess he was just distained for Fayetteville.”

July 31, 2002 Martin Sternlicht who is now chairman of our Endowment Fund committee sent me the following about his family.

“The Sternlicht family moved to Fayetteville in early September of 1964. Gail & Marty, with sons Mark, Bob, & John ages 9, 7, and 4. We sold our toboggan and came south from Rhode Island. Although Long Island Natives we had lived in New England for five years. We thought that we would stay here for about five years, and thirty-eight years later this is really Home.”

“The reason for the move was to go from Industrial Engineering into management of a curtain, drapery, and bedspread factory in Fayetteville. That was successful and interesting for 12 years, until it wasn’t fun anymore, and the next career was the current one with The Equitable, selling insurance and investments. In about 1971 David Evans got me involved with the United Way and that went on for about twenty years. I

was president in 1981. The Fayetteville Kiwanis Club with its many children's charities has been an enjoyable activity for over 31 years and that will continue after my board term ends in 2 months.

"Gail's degree was in primary education. She was licensed in New York and Rhode Island, but North Carolina wouldn't issue a regular teachers license without her taking some additional Physical Education courses. That did not go over too well with Gail, so when John was in school full time and we had a loss of two office workers at Fayetteville Manufacturing Co., she came to work there. In 1969 when we wanted to get the business into the computer age, Gail took a home study course in computer programming and a one week IBM programming class. She then developed a complete computer application for the factory which was one of the most sophisticated systems in this area. Gail later taught programming for a couple of years at Fort Bragg. In 1976 Cumberland County hired her to take their systems from pen and paper to the mainframe computers that they started using in 1978. She was the first and only data processing manager for the county until her tragically early death from lung cancer in July 1988."

"The boys did well in public school, all attended summer programs for gifted students at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. Mark & John were Morehead nominees (John was a finalist) and Bob was a National Merit Scholar at Georgia Tech, where he studied Architecture. Mark graduated cum laude in three years from UNC at Chapel Hill with a Phi Beta Kappa key and a Black Belt in Tae Kwan Do. He went to law school there. He is a partner in the Fayetteville law firm of Beaver Holt Sternlicht Glazier Carlin Britton & Courie, PA. He has served on the boards of ACLU of North Carolina, The Fayetteville Museum of Art, The Red Cross, and Friends of the Parks. His son is now 17. In 1991 Mark remarried. Jeanne is a court reporter. She brought her five children Jared, Justin, Jessica, Johanna, and Jennifer Schafer now ranging in age from 22 to 13 to the union."

"After Graduating from Georgia Tech and working as an architect for a year, Bob returned to the graduate program for a year, then decided that full-time architecture was too confining and went to work for Delta Airlines. He has lived in Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale, Hawaii for 11 years, and now Long Beach, CA. The house he designed and lived in on the Big Island (Hawaii) has been sold, but he still travels regularly to Honolulu and plays a lot of tennis. As "Delta Parents" we get great free flight benefits, thanks to Bob."

John transferred, after two years at UNC Chapel Hill, to the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. After graduation he was fortunate to get a Rotary International Scholarship and studied for a year at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland which included a month-long trip to Israel where he spent the first two weeks in an "Ulpan" to learn conversational Hebrew. John is the Family linguist. He is fluent in French and German and speaks Spanish. John returned to Chapel Hill to law school and one year later married Ann Battle. Their first son David Gabriel was born in Raleigh in November 1988. Jeremy Aaron was born in January 1995 in Richmond, VA, where they have lived since 1990. John and Ann are now single parents sharing equal custody of the boys in homes about a mile apart and remain good friends. At his Bar-Mitzvah In May, David took their Rabbi's challenge and read from the Torah, as did his parents. John is General Council and Legislative Director of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and Ann is the Senior Economist there."

"In 1989 I luckily met Anne Mitchell and by December 1990 had persuaded her to become Ann Sternlicht. This gave me my first daughter, Vicki Cole, who is a consultant in Mexico. We visit her every year. I also gained a son Max Mitchell, Jr. with his wife Kendra and two more grandsons, Max III and Spencer, ages 16 and 13. They live in Madison, AL where Max is a project manager for a contractor, after his retirement from the Army as a Lt. Col."

"Anne has escorted many tours through her business, Major Travel Center. We have traveled a lot both business and personal. Anne sold the business and retired in January 2000 after thirty-five years in travel. She now plays golf, oil paints, volunteers, and stays incredibly busy. We have actually done less traveling in the last two years than in previous years. It seems that when a travel agent retires, she wants to stay home"

Lyn Green read the first edition. She found several errors in the text and even gave me the page numbers for my corrections. I do appreciate that very much. The second edition includes those corrections. She also wrote the following about her family.

"Michael was the second of four children born to Ursula and John Green. His older brother died at the age of twelve in a tragic bicycle accident. Michael attended Fayetteville High School and NC State University where he received an engineering degree. He, then, joined his father at Cohen & Green Salvage where he learned the business, 'from the ground

up.’ Michael has followed in his parents’ footsteps regarding leadership roles in civic and synagogue affairs. He has held every office in the Regional Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel including president. In the National Association he was president of all of the chapter presidents in the United States. He served on the Joe Barr Special Committee of Fort Bragg and was chairman of the Pope Special Activities Committee. He has held the presidency of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation (FAEDC) and is currently President of the Plant Manager’s Association. He also currently serves on the boards of The Family Life Center and The Friends of the Cancer Center.”

“Michael has spent many years on the board of Beth Israel Congregation where he has served in almost every capacity, including president. He is currently chairman of the Chevra Kadisha, which he considers his most important role. He has worked with the burial society since 1972. Michael took responsibility of the Aliyah selling for many years, developing combines which netted the congregation additional revenue. He printed The High Holiday programs for many years and continues to lead services whenever the Rabbi is out of town or unavailable. It is rare for Michael to refuse to do almost anything for the Synagogue.”

“Lyn was born in Fall River, Massachusetts. She is the daughter of Shirley & Bernard Szabo. When she was two the family moved to Belding, Michigan, where her father ran the town’s only garment factory. When she was seven the family moved to Emporia, Virginia where there were only five Jewish families. She played clarinet for eight years in the elementary school, high school, regional and state bands. She performed with dance and acrobatic routines. She served as co-editor of her high school newspaper and won a regional essay contest on ‘What Makes America Great.’ In 1968 Lyn’s parents and Michael’s parents sent them to a summer study tour of Israel. The tour was scheduled to be led by Rabbi Reuben Kesner who was a circuit riding rabbi for Lyn’s synagogue, Temple Emanuel, in Weldon, NC. When the Rabbi could not gather enough teens to take the tour, himself, he attached the youth to a synagogue group from Ohio. The seven teens from the South became great friends that summer. Lyn and Michael began a relationship that culminated in their marriage on July 4, 1971. Lyn transferred from the University of Maryland to NC State University and graduated cum laude with a degree in Sociology. In 1981 she received her Master’s in Social Work from UNC Chapel Hill in Community Organization and Social Planning. She later did postgraduate work in psychotherapy at the Fort Bragg Family Life Center and Southeast Institute in Chapel Hill. Lyn

developed the TELECARE program for the VA Medical Center and numerous programs for the Cumberland County Department of Social Services, for which she received state recognition. She worked as the first director of the 'Find a Friend' program for Fayetteville Urban Ministry. She later developed a private practice in Clinical Social Work/Adult Psychotherapy which remained active for over thirteen years. Currently, she serves as Assistant Professor at Methodist College in the Bachelor's of Social Work Program (BSW) where she teaches Human Behavior Advanced Practice and is the field coordinator for the student interns. She has been very active in community affairs over the years, including The Cumberland County department of Social Services board, president of the UNC-CH School of Social Work Alumni Council, President elect of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Fayetteville Chapter, and chair of the Cumberland County DSS Child Care Advisory Board."

"She is also a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association and the National Association of Social Workers, a licensed Clinical Social Worker in NC and was awarded The Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Hunt in 1984 for outstanding service to North Carolina. Lyn was included in the 1998 edition of Who's who among Human Service professionals. She is a former Hadassah president, chaired the study group, is a member of Beth Israel Sisterhood, the Chevra Kadisha, various other synagogue committees."

"Michael & Lyn have two sons. Jared, was born in 1976 and Steven, was born in 1981. Both sons attended Hadassah Year Course in Israel in between high school and college. Jared graduated from Duke University, cum laude, with a degree in Public Policy with a concentration in markets and management. While at Duke, he was instrumental in creating 'Dutches' a student/faculty interaction group. He was also an active member of the University Hillel. At age 19, Jared started his own advertising business, Greeninkad, which produced and distributed message boards with local advertising to over 1400 freshman at Duke. Jared was also commissioned to design a logo for a new restaurant on campus, 'The Devils Den'. He is currently attending Emory University's Goizueta School of Business and was awarded a partial academic scholarship. He worked for Ernst & Young Cap Gemini for two years as a strategic business analyst. He finds time on the side to paint, draw, and sculpt.

Steven attended the NC School of Science and Math. He is currently a junior at Emory University. He is the student representative on the Rabbi Search committee, vice president for students for Israel, an active member of the AEII fraternity. He was elected vice president of his dorm. He sings with the Jewish Acapella group on campus. He also sings professionally with a popular Atlanta band called Tevya, where he is the lead male vocalist in Hebrew and Yiddish for Orthodox weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, and synagogue events. Both boys lead services at Beth Israel whenever needed. They were both active in BBYO (B'nai B'rith youth Organization). Both served in various offices in the organization and received lifetime awards. Steven often leads the Orthodox and Conservative services on the Emory campus.”

Hannah Grant brought me all kinds of articles and acclimations about her father Joseph Barr and a little about herself and her family.

“Joseph Barr was born in Baltimore in 1908. He met Betty Bloom at Virginia Beach and soon married. They settled in Baltimore where he was a butcher. Betty was unhappy so she packed Joe’s and her bags and they headed back to her home in High Point, North Carolina where Joe went to work with his father-in-law Robert Max Bloom in the furniture business. Betty went to High Point Teachers College. Upon graduation she became the first Jewish teacher to be employed in the High Point public school system. She taught the third grade.”

“In 1936 their only child, Hannah Merle, was born. Joe was looking for more business opportunities and he approached the Third Army Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. representing the Bloom Furniture Co. When he received his first order for sofas and chairs for Fort Bragg he felt that he was now in business. The family moved to Fayetteville and Joe devoted his energy and effort to establish rapport with the military, and made connections with the manufacturers of high grade furniture. Joe became a huge supporter of the military and was active with the synagogue which was then on Cool Spring Street. He became a very successful businessman.”

“After WWII, the family moved back to High Point and Joe continued to work in the furniture store owned by his father-in-law. In 1955 they moved back to Fayetteville and opened their own furniture business. Joseph did a lot of things that enhanced the

community and brought him respect and honor. He was active in the affairs of the synagogue. He set up a big freezer filled with kosher food that he made available to soldiers at both Fort Bragg and Pope Air force base. He formed two special activity committees to assist the Jewish soldiers, one on each base, which are still active through the assigned Jewish Chaplain. He was a member of Chevra Kadisha. He was awarded the Community Aliyah in 1971. He was so active with the U. S. O. (which was the all encompassing group that sponsored entertainment for United States troops all over the world) that when the local U.S.O. was build, in which the Jewish Welfare Board had a representative on duty, it was designated the 'Joe Barr' building. It was only the second USO building named for a person, the other was named the 'Bob Hope' USO. Joe served as president of the Association of the U. S. Army. He was the only male member of the Fort Bragg Officers' wives club. He was president of B'nai B'rith. He was a member of the National Jewish Welfare Board. "

"Hannah, Joe Barr's daughter married Earl Grant. They have three children, Robin Grant Gahr who currently is living in Minnetonka, Minnesota, Amy Nan Grant lives in Kennet Square, Pennsylvania, and Ira Neil Grant of Fayetteville and two grand children Leah Gahr and Chloe Grant. Robin, Amy, & Neil were all active in BBYO as teenagers. When Joe died Hannah operated the business for a while, then sold out and they now use the furniture building as a flea market. She is most active in Hadassah and the sisterhood.

Lise Glazier sent in additional information about her family. "When Philip was in high school he played varsity soccer. He was a member of the Key Club and the National Honor Society. He was the Gizbor (treasurer) of the Jeffrey-Bennet B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. He is currently a junior at UNC Asheville, N.C., working for a major in history. He is active in the Sigma Nu Fraternity. Megan is a senior at Terry Sanford High School. She has been active in the Girl Scouts, has held several offices in the local B'nai B'rith youth organization. Megan has been involved with the Princeton Model Congress, several high school theater projects and various service projects. She is currently the North Carolina Council BBYO chair and is the business manager for the LAFAMAC, the high school year book."

“Rick Glazier served with the Public Defender’s office for two years, then clerked for Federal District Court Judge James C. Fox for three years, and then for U.S. Magistrate Wallace Dixon for two years. In 1988 he joined the law firm of Beaver, Thompson, Holt, and Richardson and has been a partner since 1990. His field is employment law and appellate litigation. The law firm is now known as Beaver, Holt, Sternlicht, Glazier, Carlin, Britton, and Courie. Rick is now running for the District 44 seat of the North Carolina House of Representatives, September 19, 2002.”

Stephen Satsky finally sent me his own family history. If you remember he helped me set up the original group of the Fleishman family. I received a couple of pages of notes from Stephen & Virginia Satsky in the middle of August 2002. He wrote: “Sometime before 1910, my grandfather, Hyman Fleishman, moved to Fayetteville to manage one of the mercantile stores that he and his brothers owned. He and my grandmother, Ida Kronsberg Fleishman, had eight sons and one daughter. Ed married Dora Steinberg, Sam married Faye Sugar, Maurice married Dorothy Abelovitz, Leon married Esta Weinstein, Nathan did not marry, Henry Married Dorothy Dlugin, Milton Married Loraine Dlugin, Bernard married Evelyn Simon, and Fannie, my mother, married Harry Satsky in 1938. They had two sons. My older brother Howard is an attorney in Raleigh, NC and me.(Stephen Satsky)”

“My father’s family, Phillip and Fraida Zak Satsky, moved to Fayetteville in 1933 and opened ‘Phillip’s Pawn Shop’ on the market square in what was then called ‘the Stein Building’ (which just happens to be the same location the my father first opened his Evans Furniture Store some twenty years earlier.) They had six children; Tilly married Frank Eisman and they moved to Charlotte, NC, Harry Married Fannie Fleishman, Aaron married Bertie Blaustein and they lived in Fayetteville, Morris married Lula Sutton and they lived in Raleigh, Dora married Abe Horowitz and they lived in Raleigh, Elsie married Al Solomon and they lived in Conway, SC.”

“Both my father and my mother were very active with the congregation. My father served on the board of trustees for many years and was treasurer for several years. My Mother was president of both Sisterhood and Hadassah for several terms.

Both were honored with the Community Aliyah, Harry in 1963 and Fannie in 1975. "

"I met my wife, Virginia Lanam, whose father was in the Army stationed at Fort Bragg, in 1964 while in Fayetteville High School. We were married in 1970 and became the parents of Kevin F. Satsky. Virginia is the daughter of Luisa Schoibl from Salzburg, Austria and CSM William M. Lanam from Agate, Colorado. Virginia has been an educator in the Fayetteville community for many years and is currently the Middle School Director at The Fayetteville Academy. She has also served on the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Congregation and as president of both Sisterhood and Hadassah."

"Kevin was an honors graduate of UNC Chapel Hill where he was Phi Beta Kappa and Golden Key. He graduated in 1996 with a degree in Biology. He received his M.D. degree from East Carolina Brody School of Medicine in 2001. He is currently a surgery resident at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. He is married to Dr. Judy Thorn who is a developmental cellular biologist at Knox College, Illinois."

"I have been active in both the synagogue and the community all of my adult life. I was first elected to the board of Beth Israel in 1971 and have served several 3 year terms. I was elected President for the year of 2002, 85 years after my grandfather. I am also currently president of our B'nai B'rith chapter and am on the board of the Southeast Region of B'nai B'rith. Other community activities include;

Elected to the Fayetteville City Council 1975-77 (I was the youngest person elected since Reconstruction)

Vice Chairman of the Cumberland County Democratic Party, 73-77

A member of the State Democratic Party Executive Committee and Co-Advisor to NC Teen Dems 1974-775. I was Cumberland County Advisor in 1972-1973.

NC Easter Seal Chairman for Cumberland County 1975.

Member of the board of trustees of Fayetteville Technical Community College from 1975 to 1991 and from 1994 to 2002.

Member of the Creasy Proctor Masonic Order since 1974, Scottish Rite 32 degree and Shriner.

Member of the Knights of Pythias since 1973.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Friendship House, 1973-1975.

Member of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees Executive Committee 1986-1988.

Member of the National Association of Community College Trustees Board of Directors 1980-1983

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fayetteville Urban Ministry.

Member of the Fayetteville Academy Board of Trustees 1986

A director and Vice President of the Downtown Fayetteville Association in 1974.

Member of the Joe Barr Special Activities Committee of the Army Advisory Council 1974-79, and chairman one year.

Member of the Veterans Administration Advisory Committee 1974-1975.

Chairman of the Robert Morgan for Senate Campaign 1975

I am currently a member of the Cumberland County Alcohol Beverage Control Board. "

Accumulating all the various family connections and learning of the impressive community activity of our Jewish people has been an education and an enjoyment . Our county has grown to have a recorded population in the year 2000 of 302,963 which includes some 40,000 who were housed at Fort Bragg and some 5,000 at Pope air force base.

And so I close the second edition of this history. I hope you enjoyed it.

